



REGIONAL DISTRICT
OF BULKLEY NECHAKO

AGENDA

MEETING NO. 4

April 28, 2022

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Thursday, April 28, 2022

First Nations Acknowledgement

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	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA</u>	Receive
	<u>MINUTES</u>	
6-19	Board Meeting Minutes – March 31, 2022	Approve
20-21	Special Board Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2022	Approve
22-25	Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - April 14, 2022	Receive
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29-32	Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes - April 14, 2022	Receive
33-35	Waste Management Committee Meeting Minutes - April 14, 2022	Receive

DELEGATIONS**COMMUNITY ENERGY ASSOCIATION**

-Rob van Adrichem, Director of External Relations
Re: Update

TRANS CANADA – COASTAL GASLINK

-Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager
-Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Advisor
Re: Update and SEEMP Presentation

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64-65	Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services - Committee Meeting Recommendations - April 14, 2022	Recommendation
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104-107	Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development – Grant in Aid – Connexus Community Resources	Recommendation
108-110	Taddea Kunkel, First Nations Liaison - Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action	Discussion/ Receive
111-114	Michelle Roberge, Regional Agriculture Coordinator – Growing Opportunities Newsletter and Podcast Update	Receive

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

RECEIPT OF VERBAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

IN-CAMERA MOTION

In accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Sections 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations and 90(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party (Cycle 16 Trail) must/may be closed to the public therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**MEETING NO. 3****Thursday, March 31, 2022**

PRESENT:	Chair	Gerry Thiessen
	Directors	Gladys Atrill Shane Brienen Mark Fisher – via Zoom Dolores Funk Tom Greenaway – via Zoom Clint Lambert – via Zoom Linda McGuire Bob Motion Chris Newell Mark Parker Jerry Petersen Michael Riis-Christianson Sarrah Storey
	Director Absent	Annette Morgan, Village of Telkwa
	Alternate Director	Leroy Dekens, Village of Telkwa
	Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development – arrived at 12:35 p.m., left at 12:51 p.m. Janette Derksen, Waste Diversion Supervisor – arrived at 11:17 a.m., left at 12:04 p.m. Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 11:17 a.m., left at 12:04 p.m. John Illes, Chief Financial Officer Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
	Media	Eddie Huband, LD News – left at 12:04 p.m.

FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

**AGENDA &
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**Moved by Director Motion
Seconded by Director Newell2022-3-1

“That the Board Meeting Agenda of March 31, 2022 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes February 24, 2022

Moved by Director Petersen
 Seconded by Director Storey

2022-3-2

“That the Board Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2022 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meeting Minutes - February 10, 2022

Moved by Director Parker
 Seconded by Director Brien

2022-3-3

“That the following Committee Meeting Minutes be received:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 - March 17, 2022
- Natural Resources Committee Meeting Minutes
 - March 17, 2022
- Regional Transit Committee Meeting Minutes
 - March 17, 2022
- Rural Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
 - March 17, 2022
- Waste Management Committee Minutes
 - March 17, 2022.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

Bylaw for 1st and 2nd Reading

Rezoning Application RZ G-01-22 1st & 2nd Reading for OCP Bylaw 1972, 2022 & Rezoning Bylaw 1973, 2022 -Electoral Area “G”

Moved by Director Fisher
 Seconded by Director Atrill

2022-3-4

1. “That the Board consider and approve the consultation identified in the consultation checklist.
2. That Houston, Topley, Granisle Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1972, 2022 be given first and second reading this 31st day of March, 2022 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.
3. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1973, 2022 be given first and second reading this 31st day of March, 2022 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.
4. That the Public Hearing for Houston, Topley, Granisle Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1972, 2022 and Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1973, 2022 be delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area G.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw for 3rd Reading

Rezoning Application
RZ A-09-21 3rd Reading
-Rezoning Bylaw No. 1969
-Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
 Seconded by Director Parker

2022-3-5

1. "That the Board receive the Public Hearing Report for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1969, 2022.

2. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1969, 2022 be given third reading this 31st day of March, 2022."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw for 3rd Reading and Adoption

Rezoning Application
RZ D-02-21 3rd Reading &
Adoption - Rezoning Bylaw
No. 1970, 2022
-Electoral Area "D"

Moved by Director Parker
 Seconded by Director Storey

2022-3-6

1. "That the Board receive the Public Hearing Report for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1970, 2022.

2. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1970, 2022 be given third reading and adoption this 31st day of March, 2022."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER

Advisory Planning Commission
Member Appointment
Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
 Seconded by Director Parker

2022-3-7

1. That the Board remove Joe Meier and Mike Kulchar from the APC for Electoral Area F.

2. That the Board appoint John Alderliesten to the APC for Electoral Area F for the term ending in 2022."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

ALR Application

ALR Non-Farm Use Application Moved by Director Fisher
No. 1241 – Electoral Area “A” Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2022-3-8

“That Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Farm Use Application No. 1241 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval with the further recommendation that:

- a. the ALC ensures appropriate site remediation is undertaken, and
- b. the ALC considers the recommendations of the RDBN’s Agriculture Coordinator regarding fencing, traffic management, and ongoing communication with affected property users.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Referral

Telus Wireless Communication Moved by Director Lambert
Facility No. BC109426 Seconded by Director McGuire
-Electoral Area “E”

2022-3-9

“That the Board direct staff to send a letter stating that the RDBN has no objection to the proposed communications tower location, and that the RDBN would like to engage with Telus regarding service levels and opportunity to collaborate in relation to the RDBN’s Broadband strategy.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Endako Weir Project
-Electoral Area “B”

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
 Seconded by Director Funk

2022-3-10

“That the Board direct staff to contact the Province to:

1. determine the approval process for the Weir moving forward
2. understand how the concerns raised will be evaluated, and
3. how impacts will be monitored and mitigated should the weir be constructed including Stellako, Nadleh Whut’en and Fraser Lake which are downstream from the construction of the weir.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Others

Bill 26 (Municipal Affairs
Statutes Amendment Act
(No.2))

Moved by Director Atrill
 Seconded by Director Funk

2022-3-11

“That the Board receive the Director of Planning and Senior Planner’s Bill 26 (Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act No.2)) staff report.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Others (Cont'd)

Update on ALC Residential Flexibility & Additional Dwelling Regulations Moved by Director Storey
 Seconded by Director Petersen

2022-3-12 "That the Board receive the Senior Planner's Update on ALC Residential Flexibility & Additional Dwelling Regulations staff report."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PARKS AND TRAILS (All Directors)

Recreation Contribution Service Bylaws Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
 Seconded by Director Funk

2022-3-13 "That the Board direct staff to move forward with implementation of a recreation contribution service as proposed in the March 31, 2022 staff report."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUILDING INSPECTION (All Directors)

BC Energy Step Code Board Update Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
 Seconded by Director Storey

2022-3-14 "That the Board receive the Director of Planning's BC Energy Step Code Board Update staff report."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Draft Letter Re: BC Energy Step Code – Step 3 Moved by Director Newell
 Seconded by Director Lambert

2022-3-15 "That the Board direct staff to draft a letter to the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing outlining the difference between rural and urban construction and opposing the Step 3 process; and further, that the letter be brought forward at the April 28, 2022 Board Meeting for consideration; and further, that the letter be forwarded to the Community Energy Association."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Rescind Motion to not sign Moved by Director Fisher
Lease or License of Occupation Seconded by Director Storey
Renewal Documents for RDBN
Waste Management Facilities

2022-3-16

“That the Board rescind the portion of Motion 2013-11-19 as follows:

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the release of the motions as written from the Special (In-Camera) meetings:

February 21, 2013

I.C. 2013-2-4 Vanderhoof Landfill/Transfer Station Lease Renewal

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors refuse to sign the new lease document from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding the Vanderhoof Landfill/Transfer Station; and further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to schedule a meeting between Bill Miller, Chair, RDBN, a Director nominated by the Chair, RDBN staff and the Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding the Vanderhoof Landfill/Transfer Station lease renewal document.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Electronics Pilot Program Moved by Director Petersen
-Secondary Collection Point for Seconded by Director Atrill
Bottle Depot

2022-3-17

“That the Board authorize staff to develop a Pilot Program for the collection of electronics recyclables at the Vanderhoof Transfer Station on behalf of the Nechako Valley Bottle Depot.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break for lunch at 12:04 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:34 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Committee Meeting
Recommendations
-March 17, 2022

Moved by Director Storey
 Seconded by Director McGuire

2022-3-18

“That the Board approve recommendations 1 to 11 as written:

Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 17, 2022

Recommendation 1:

Re: Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2022 Conference – June 2-5, 2022 in Regina, SK and Online

“That CAO Helgesen be authorized to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2022 Conference online and that the conference be streamed in the RDBN Boardroom from June 2 to 5, 2022.”

Recommendation 2:

Re: North Central Local Government Association AGM and Convention – May 3-5, 2022 – In-person or Virtual

“That the Chair and any Rural Directors be authorized to attend the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) AGM and Convention from May 3-5, 2022 either in-person or virtually.”

Recommendation 3:

Re: RDBN Workplace Bullying, Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Policy

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Workplace Bullying, Discrimination, Harassment, and Violence Policy be approved and that the RDBN Anti-Harassment Policy be rescinded.”

Recommendation 4:

Re: Transit and Parks and Trails Budget

“That the Transit and Parks and Trails budgets be included in the Regional District’s budget bylaw.”

Committee of the Whole Meeting – February 10, 2022

Recommendation 5:

**Re: Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action
 Recommendation 43 Report**

“That the Board direct staff to draft a report in regard to Recommendation 43 – *We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.*”

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Committee of the Whole Meeting – February 10, 2022
(Cont'd)

Recommendation 6:

Re: Write a Letter to the BC Electoral Boundaries Commission

“That the Board write a letter to the BC Electoral Boundaries Commission in regard to its Invitation for Input regarding Electoral Area Boundaries and requesting no changes be made to the electoral areas within the RDBN.”

Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting – March 17, 2022

Recommendation 7:

Re: Grant in Aid for Gas Tax Trade

“That the Board approve the following trades of Grant in Aid and Federal Gas Tax:

- 1) That Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) give Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) \$30,000 in Federal Gas Tax.
- 2) That Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) give Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) \$30,000 in Grant in Aid.
- 3) That Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) give Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) \$10,000 in Federal Gas Tax.
- 4) That Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) give Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) \$10,000 in Grant in Aid.
- 5) That Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) give Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) \$7,000 in Federal Gas Tax.
- 6) That Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) give Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) \$7,000 in Grant in Aid.”

Recommendation 8:

Re: Grant in Aid – Lake Kathlyn Protection Society

“That the Board approve allocating \$42,415 in Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) Grant in Aid monies to Lake Kathlyn Protection Society, to be paid upon invoice submission for capital repairs for the Lake Kathlyn Weed Harvesting Service.”

Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting – February 10, 2022

Recommendation 9:

Re: COVID-19 Relief Fund Applications

“That the Board approve the following applications for COVID-19 Relief Funds:

-Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)

- Paul Lychak Community Hall – Insurance, Hydro, Maintenance - \$6,533.17
- Bulkley Valley Rod and Gun Club – Insurance 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 - \$8,091.00
- Smithers Gallery Association – Workstations - \$938.52
- Glenwood Hall Committee Association – Insurance and Hydro - \$6,424.13
- Telkwa Museum Society – Utilities - \$4,452.94
- Bulkley Valley Folk Music Society – Insurance and Accounting Fees - \$9,294.00

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting – February 10, 2022
(Cont'd)

-Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural)

- Burns Lake Woman’s Vortex Hockey Ice Rental - \$3,494.40
- Rose Lake Community Club – Insurance and Hydro - \$1,820.86
- Decker Lake Recreation Commission – Utilities, Society Filing, Cleaning and Sanitizing supplies - \$2,599.87

-Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural)

- Fort St. James Community Foundation – Insurance, Society Fees, Website Fees, Rent - \$3,917.31
- Stuart Lake Recycling Co-op – Insurance and Hydro - \$3,126.46

-Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural)

- Fort Fraser Community Recreation Society – Insurance - \$2,451.00

-Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

- Tweedsmuir Recreation Commission – Insurance and Hydro - \$5,119.45
- Colleymount Recreation Commission – Hydro, Propane, Society Registration, Chamber Membership - \$1,431.96
- Francois Tchesinkut Lake Recreation Commission – Insurance - \$1,430.00

-Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural)

- Mapes Blackwater Sob Lake Community Club – Insurance and Hydro - \$4,050.00
- Vanderhoof Community Foundation – Directors Insurance and Zoom Membership - \$1,101.00
- Vanderhoof International Airshow – Insurance, Accounting Fees, Membership, Deposits - \$3,139.37

-Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural)

- Granisle and District Senior Citizen’s Association Society – 2022 Insurance - \$6,423.00.”

Recommendation 10:

Re: Rural Contribution Fire Department Budgets

“That the Rural Contribution Fire Department Budgets be included in the Regional District’s budget bylaw.”

Recommendation 11:

Re: Electoral Area “C” Grant in Aid for Fort St. James Search and Rescue

1) “That that the Board approve the taxation changes requested, and;

2) That the Committee recommend that the Board approve \$100,000.00 in Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) Grant in Aid monies for the Fort St. James Search and Rescue for the purchase of a Search and Rescue Building.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Regional Broadband
 Infrastructure Service
 Establishing Bylaw
 No. 1951, 2021

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
 Seconded by Director Parker

2022-3-19

"That Regional Broadband Infrastructure Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1951, 2021" be adopted this 31st day of March, 2022."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RDBN Retirement Policy

Moved by Director Storey
 Seconded by Director Atrill

2022-3-20

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Retirement Policy be approved and that the RDBN Superannuation and Retirement Policy be rescinded. Further, that the Board direct staff to establish a reserve for retirement allowances."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Budget Adoption- RDBN Five
 Year Financial Plan Bylaw
 No. 1971, 2022

Moved by Director Atrill
 Seconded by Director Funk

2022-3-21

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1971, 2022 be given third reading as amended and adopted this 31st day of March 2022."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Audit Planning Letters

Moved by Director Storey
 Seconded by Director Petersen

2022-3-22

"That the Board receive the Chief Financial Officer's Audit Planning Letters memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Connecting Remote
 Communities and First Nation
 Reserves to High-speed Internet
 -Request to Participate

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
 Seconded by Director Newell

2022-3-23

"That the Board approve participation in the Province of BC's Request to Participate in the Connecting Remote Communities and First Nation Reserves to High-speed Internet project."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action Moved by Director McGuire
 Seconded by Director Funk

2022-3-28 "That the Board receive the First Nations Liaison's Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Growing Opportunities Newsletter and Podcast Update Moved by Director Parker
 Seconded by Director Atrill

2022-3-29 "That the Board receive the Regional Agriculture Coordinator's (East) Growing Opportunities Newsletter and Podcast Update memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Letter of Support – Re: Active Transportation Fund Application -Town of Smithers Moved by Director Funk
 Seconded by Director Storey

2022-3-30 "That the Board ratify the Letter of Support – Re: Active Transportation Fund Application – Town of Smithers."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration Correspondence & Action List Moved by Director Atrill
 Seconded by Director Parker

2022-3-31 "That the Board receive the following:

Administration Correspondence:

-Union of B.C. Municipalities – Re: Provincial Response to 2021 Resolutions

Action Lists

-December 2021

-January and February 2022."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Fisher spoke of following up on the UBCM Provincial Response to 2021 Resolutions and the 9-1-1 Levy resolution. Discussion took place regarding follow up with telecoms regarding support for 9-1-1 levy. Staff have had discussions with E-Comm and will continue with follow-up.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Town of Smithers – Director Atrill

Director Atrill noted that the Town of Smithers Official Community Plan (OCP) is in its public consultation phase. She commented that it was great to be able to have in-person public consultation and people were excited to participate.

Director Atrill acknowledged the effort of Smithers community members for their support of the people in Ukraine.

Electoral Area G – (Houston Rural) - Director Newell

Director Newell spoke of the following:

- Dungate Community Forest Expansion Advisory Committee Meeting
- COVID-19 Mandate Changes
 - o Sense of optimism and lifting of spirits
- Starlink Internet
 - o Director Riis-Christianson, Chair, Connectivity Committee noted that the province is acknowledging that there are isolated communities that may need satellite to access connectivity.

District of Houston - Director Brien

Director Brien mentioned that Village of Queen Charlotte Mayor Kris Olsen was in Houston for a Basketball Tournament. Director Brien noted it was good to have people travelling to the community and coming out to watch the event.

Electoral Area A (Smithers Rural) – Director Fisher

Director Fisher provided an update regarding:

- Bulkley Valley Lakes District Airshed Management Society Meeting
 - o Air monitoring stations
 - o Inviting the Society to the Board as a delegation
- Neighbourhood Emergency Management Planning
- Smithers District Chamber of Commerce
 - o Youth Ice Cream Truck revamping
 - Local products
- Presentation with Janette Derksen, Waste Diversion Supervisor with an apartment complex in Smithers
 - o Wanting more information regarding waste/recycling.

Village of Granisle – Director McGuire

Director McGuire announced

- a new resident to Granisle is planning a Vimy Ridge Day on April 9, 2022 in the community
- held its first Town Hall meeting in two years due to COVID-19 and they are looking forward to more meetings.

Chair Thiessen – Update

Chair Thiessen spoke of air quality issues in Vanderhoof and he has requested RDBN staff to invite Cathy Peters present to the Board regarding human trafficking.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Brien
 Seconded by Director Storey

2022-3-32

“That the verbal reports of the various Board of Directors be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORT

Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA) Meeting -April 22-23, 2022 – Terrace B.C. Moved by Director Parker
 Seconded by Director Brienen

2022-3-33

“That the Board authorize the attendance of rural and municipal Directors to the Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance meeting on April 22-23, 2022 in Terrace, B.C. including expenses for hotels, travel, meals and meeting per diem.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation -Follow-up Letter Re: Regional District’s Commitments to Build Relationships and Collaborate with First Nations Moved by Director Atrill
 Seconded by Director Petersen

2022-3-34

“That the Board receive the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation-Follow-up Letter Re: Regional District’s Commitments to Build Relationships and Collaborate with First Nations.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Brienen
 Seconded by Director Newell

2022-3-35

In accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Sections 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations and 90(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party (Cycle 16 Trail) must/may be closed to the public therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Newell
 Seconded by Director Petersen

2022-3-36

“That the meeting be adjourned at 1:26 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**MEETING NO. 4****Thursday, April 14, 2022**

PRESENT:	Chair	Gerry Thiessen
	Directors	Gladys Atrill – via Zoom Shane Brienen Mark Fisher Dolores Funk Clint Lambert Linda McGuire Annette Morgan – via Zoom Bob Motion Chris Newell Mark Parker Jerry Petersen Michael Riis-Christianson Sarrah Storey – via Zoom
	Director Absent	Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural)
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	Media	Eddie Huband, LD News

FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

AGENDAMoved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson2022-4-2

“That the Board Meeting Agenda of April 14, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**REPORT****Budget Bylaw Amendment**Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Petersen2022-4-3“That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1975, 2022 be given first, second, third reading, and adoption this 14th day of April, 2022.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Staff will bring forward a report regarding Budget Amendments at a future Board meeting for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Motion

2022-4-4

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:24 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of
Corporate Services

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING****Thursday, April 14, 2022**

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill – via Zoom
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Clint Lambert
Linda McGuire
Annette Morgan – via Zoom
Bob Motion – left at 10:55 a.m.
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey – arrived at 10:25 a.m.

Director Absent Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural)

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer – via Zoom
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner – arrived at 11:05 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Others Nathan Cullen, MLA Stikine - via Zoom – arrived at 10:34 a.m.,
left at 11:04 a.m.
Sam Raven, Constituency Assistant, Nathan Cullen, MLA Stikine
– via Zoom – arrived at 10:30 a.m., left at 11:04 a.m.

Media Eddie Huband, LD News

CALL TO ORDER Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:24 a.m.

FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

AGENDA Moved by Director Brienen
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2022-4-1 “That the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 14, 2022 be approved.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Minutes – March 17, 2022

Moved by Director Petersen
 Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

C.W.2022-4-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of March 17, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Board Meeting Recordings for Public Viewing

Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services provided an overview of Board Meeting Recordings for Public Viewing. The following was discussed:

- Member municipalities sharing meetings virtually
- Using the RDBN website to share meetings
 - o File size of digital recordings of meetings
- Including Committee meetings for public viewing
- Option for individuals wanting to join a meeting virtually.

Board Meeting Recordings For Public Viewing

Moved by Director Fisher
 Seconded by Director Motion

C.W.2022-4-3

“That the Committee recommend that Board and Committee Meeting recordings be made available to the public via an RDBN YouTube channel. Further, that the recordings remain on the site until the next recording becomes available.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

Nathan Cullen, MLA, Stikine – RE: Update

Chair Thiessen welcomed Nathan Cullen, MLA, Stikine.

Mr. Cullen provided the following update:

- Expressed appreciation for Premier Horgan’s appointment of Minister of Municipal Affairs
- RBA meeting in Terrace – April 22-23, 2022
- Meeting with individuals in the Fraser Valley regarding the 2021 wildfire and flooding events
- BC moving from one crisis event to another – floods, fires, Covid-19, etc.
- Covid-19
 - o Support to local governments and businesses
 - o Low mortality rate in BC
 - o Economic recovery one of the best
- \$830M provincial/federal funding partnership in March 2022 to connect underserved rural and Indigenous households with high-speed internet
- Mandate responsible for Immigration
 - o BC welcomed 100,000 immigrants
 - o 60% from other provinces
 - o 40% from abroad
 - o The Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation has stated that on average BC requires 100,000 new residents per year to meet the demand for jobs

DELEGATION

Nathan Cullen, MLA, Stikine – RE: Update (Cont'd)

- Responsible for the settlement of refugees
 - o Canada has accepted 44,000 individuals from Ukraine
 - o BC has a joint commitment with the United Way to be a source of information
 - o Uncertain where Ukrainian refugees will settle.

The following was discussed:

- Veterinarian shortage in BC
 - o Province's commitment of 20 extra seats at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan
 - Only a one-year commitment
 - o Potential short-term solution – International Veterinarians
 - o UNBC's interest in developing a veterinarian educational program
 - o Certification process for skilled individuals coming to BC is included in the Ministry of Municipal Affairs mandate
 - Challenges regarding some professional colleges
- Electoral Area Boundary Review
 - o Three panelists – Elections BC, and two other provincial representatives
 - Rural Caucus requested one panelist from northern BC
 - o Panel has scheduled public meeting dates throughout the province
 - MLA Cullen will forward the information
 - o Largest area is Stikine
 - o Status quo in the north
- Provincial/federal government funding for connectivity for rural and Indigenous communities
 - o Challenges - inaccurate federal/provincial mapping
 - o Need for a mechanism to correct mapping information
 - o MLA Cullen indicated that if provincial mapping requires updating to forward the information to him
 - o He will determine if there is an appeal process regarding the provincial mapping
- Importance of ongoing support for housing – homeless, addictions, mental health
- Various funding allocations
 - o Municipalities and regional districts have different legislative criteria in order to utilize grant funding
 - o Some funding and programs provided by the province are not applicable to regional districts
 - o Having to utilize creative solutions to support projects and municipalities
 - o MLA Cullen requested an itemized list be provided to determine the needs of local governments
- Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA)
 - o Three party service providers
- Immigration
 - o Quicker access to urban municipalities vs. rural communities
 - Province has requested information from the federal government
 - The information is not forthcoming
 - o Require trades/skilled workers
 - o MLA Cullen indicated refugee process is lengthy and requires sponsorship
 - o Process in supporting Ukraine refugees is different
 - o Refugees escaping different areas require different needs
 - trauma, counselling support, entering educational system, etc.

DELEGATION

Nathan Cullen, MLA, Stikine – RE: Update (Cont'd)

- Forestry challenges
 - o Impacts to communities with mill curtailments and shutdowns
 - o Lack of support from the province in providing people to talk to regarding bridging programs
 - MLA Cullen committed to having provincial representatives reach out to the companies, employees and unions to discuss options.

Chair Thiessen thanked Mr. Cullen for attending the meeting.

Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

Moved by Director Storey
 Seconded by Director Petersen

C.W.2022-4-4

“That the Committee receive the First Nations Liaison’s Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Storey
 Seconded by Director Brienen

C.W.2022-4-5

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:05 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of
 Corporate Services

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE MEETING****Thursday, April 14, 2022**

PRESENT:	Chair	Michael Riis-Christianson
	Directors	Clint Lambert Chris Newell Mark Parker Gerry Thiessen
	Director Absent	Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)
	Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer – via Zoom Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development Justin Greer, Economic Development Assistant John Illes, Chief Financial Officer Rowan Nagel, GIS Technician – via Zoom Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
	Others	Mark Fisher, Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle Annette Morgan, Village of Telkwa – arrived at 9:50 a.m. Bob Motion, District of Fort St. James Jerry Petersen, Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) – arrived at 9:55 a.m.
	Media	Eddie Huband, LD News

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Riis-Christianson called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

AGENDAMoved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Parker**BBC.2022-2-1**

"That the Connectivity Committee Agenda for April 14, 2022 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**MINUTES****Connectivity Committee
Meeting Minutes
–February 10, 2022**Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Lambert**BBC.2022-2-2**

"That the Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2022 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Understanding Internet Speed Discrepancies

Moved by Director Parker
 Seconded by Director Lambert

BBC.2022-2-3

“That the Connectivity Committee receive the Manager of Regional Economic Development’s Understanding Internet Speed Discrepancies memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following was discussed:

- Internet speed discrepancy information is fragmented
- Updated data will hopefully assist with new grant programs
- Provide more specific information about service
- Mapping served/unserved areas
 - o inadequate data to determine service
 - o inaccurate mapping still a challenge.

Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development and Rowan Nagel, GIS Technician provided a presentation with the following mapping layers: the federal speed test, provincial pseudo housing and RDBN addressing.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Providing the mapping information to the province
- Advocacy regarding the federal government mapping
- Northshore of Francois Lake and Fort St. James area mapping information
- Province’s mapping indicates there are homes in locations that no dwellings exist
- No mechanism to request mapping adjustments to reflect actual on the ground information
- Strategy moving forward regarding wireless and fibre applications when future projects are unknown
- Meeting with CityWest
 - o direction moving forward
 - o fibre first
 - o future proof technology
- Province has indicated that projects that do not receive support from local government will not move forward within the provincial/federal funding partnership announced in March 2022
 - o Projects currently approved or conditionally approved retroactive to 2020
 - o May change representation of houses served on the mapping
- Accurate mapping is crucial to obtain funding.

Connecting Remote Communities and First Nation Reserves to High-speed Internet

Moved by Director Lambert
 Seconded by Director Parker

BBC.2022-2-4

“That the Connectivity Committee receive the Manager of Regional Economic Development’s Connecting Remote Communities and First Nation Reserves to High-speed Internet memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORT

Chair Riis-Christianson – Update

- Attended meetings with BC Broadband Association, Regional Connectivity Knowledge Network and the Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Citizens' Services
- Announcement of provincial/federal funding partnership more cohesive approach
- Concerns regarding mapping
- Information is needed regarding projects in the works in order to plan for current and future projects
- Province of BC – Request to Participate (RTP) – Connecting Remote Communities and First Nation Reserves to High-speed Internet a positive step
- Projects will require local government support.

Verbal Report

Moved by Director Parker
 Seconded by Director Newell

BBC.2022-2-5

“That the Connectivity Committee receive the verbal report as presented.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Lambert
 Seconded by Director Parker

BBC.2022-2-6

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:13 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Michael Riis-Christianson, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**RURAL/AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING****Thursday, April 14, 2022**

PRESENT: Chair Mark Parker

Directors Mark Fisher
Clint Lambert
Chris Newell
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer – via Zoom
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner – via Zoom
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Other Annette Morgan, Village of Telkwa

Media Eddie Huband, LD News

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

AGENDAMoved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director LambertRDC.2022-4-1

"That the Rural/Agriculture Committee Agenda for April 14, 2022 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**MINUTES**Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes -March 17, 2022Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director LambertRDC.2022-4-2

"That the minutes of the Rural/Agriculture Committee meeting of March 17, 2022 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Addition to Reserve Referral

Addition to Cheslatta Reserve 1 Moved by Director Lambert
 Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

RDC.2022-4-3 “That the RDBN send the attached letter as the RDBN’s response to Indigenous Services Canada’s request for comments for Cheslatta Carrier Nation’s request for an Addition to Reserve.

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding:

- Potential taxation implications
- Director Lambert has met with Cheslatta Carrier Nation, including discussions regarding potential impacts to the Southside Fire Department funding and developing an Official Community Plan for the Southside of Francois Lake
- Importance of ensuring that discussions are taking place with First Nations communities regarding additions to reserves.

Mine Referral

Notice of Work File #14675-20/ Mine #1650867 Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
 Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2022-4-4 “That the comment sheet be provided to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation as the Regional District’s comments on Notice of Work File #14675-20/MINE #1650867.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGRICULTURE REPORTS

Verbal Report – Chair Parker

- Veterinarian shortage
 - o Province announced 20 additional seats at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan program for one year
 - No commitment for future years
 - Director Petersen mentioned that he spoke with a student from Vanderhoof in the program and she expressed her appreciation to the Regional District for their advocacy work
 - o Continuing with resolution to NCLGA and UBCM – will bring forward amendment to the resolution for review
 - o Chair Parker along with Mark Barnes, Director, Office of Research and Innovation, University of Northern BC, met with Shirley Bond, MLA, Prince George-Valemount, Coralee Oakes, MLA Cariboo North and Ian Paton, MLA Delta South, Critic for Agriculture & Food
 - UNBC is investigating options to provide educational programs
 - BC Veterinarian Society taking the lead regarding international veterinarian wanting to come to BC to practice.
- Integris Credit Union Meeting
 - o Understanding Economics in the Region
 - Housing needs and Labour shortage were the key challenges identified.

AGRICULTURE REPORTS (CONT'D)

Receipt of Chair's Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Petersen
 Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2022-4-5

"That Chair Parker's verbal report be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter to Minister Kang
Re: Investment in More BC Vets

Moved by Director Petersen
 Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC>2022-4-6

"That the Committee recommend that the Board approve sending the letter to the Honourable Anne Kang, Minister for Advanced Education, Skills and Training regarding Investment in More BC Vets."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RURAL REPORTS

COVID-19 Relief Fund Applications

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
 Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2022-4-7

"That the Committee recommend that the Board approve the following applications for COVID-19 Relief Funds:

-Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

- Treehouse Housing Association – The Ark Playday Centre – Insurance - \$2,742.48
- Smithers Zone Canadian Ski Patrol – Insurance and Membership Fees - \$3,772.08

-Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)

- Burns Lake Community Garden Society – Insurance - \$673.44
- Ride Burns – Insurance and Fees - \$2,654.33
- Burns Lake & District Chamber of Commerce – Shop Local Campaign - \$2,000.00
- Lakes District Fair Association – Memberships, Fees, Insurance - \$922.68

-Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)

- Fraser Lake Minor Hockey Association – Rental Fees - \$3,724.98
- Fraser Lake Curling Club – Rental Fees - \$1,419.00
- Fort Fraser Community Recreation Society – Utilities - \$856.89

-Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

- Francois Tchesinkut Lake Recreation Commission – Hydro - \$2,216.50
- Ride Burns – Insurance and Fees - \$2654.33
- Lakes District Fair Association – Memberships, Fees, Insurance - \$4,446.52."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Legacy Funding

Discussion took place regarding potential legacy funding opportunities with TransCanada Coastal GasLink. Further information regarding any legacy funding thus far to the Regional District, what is needed, what legacy funding has member municipalities received, rural area support was discussed. Staff will follow up and bring forward information for consideration at a future Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting.

Overdose Crisis and Supports

Director Lambert brought forward concerns regarding the record number of overdose cases recorded in February, 2022. He spoke of lack of facilities and assistance for those dealing with addictions. Chair Parker spoke of bringing the issue forward at a future Board or Committee of the Whole meeting.

Follow-up to Nathan Cullen, MLA Stikine Delegation at Committee of the Whole Meeting

Chair Parker spoke of the criteria restrictions regarding Northern Capital Planning Grant funding and having a follow up discussion with Nathan Cullen, MLA Stikine regarding the challenges. Federal Gas Tax and Nechako Kitamaat Development Fund was also discussed. Chair Parker, Director Fisher and CAO Helgesen will meet for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Lambert
 Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2022-4-8

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:34 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Parker, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING****Thursday, April 14, 2022**

PRESENT:	Chair	Mark Fisher
	Directors	Gladys Atrill – arrived at 11:52 a.m. Shane Brienen Chris Newell Jerry Petersen Michael Riis-Christianson Gerry Thiessen
	Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer– via Zoom Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services John Illes, Chief Financial Officer Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
	Others	Clint Lambert, Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) Annette Morgan, Village of Telkwa – via Zoom
	Media	Eddie Huband, LD News

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fisher called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

AGENDAMoved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Brienen**WMC.2022-4-1**

“That the Waste Management Committee Agenda for April 14, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**MINUTES****Waste Management
Committee Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2022**Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Brienen**WMC.2022-4-2**

“That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for March 17, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**COMMUNITY ADVOCACY**

None

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) UPDATE

None

POLICY REVIEW

Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services provided an overview of the proposed amendments and provided clarification for Bylaw 1839 Schedule D. Changes to the fee schedule need to be provided to Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy for approval. Including a definition/acronym section was discussed.

Bylaw 1879 Schedule D: Moved by Director Brienen
User Fees and Disposal Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson
Rules – Proposed Amendments

WMC.2022-4-3 “That the Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services’ Bylaw 1879 Schedule D: User Fees and Disposal Rules – Proposed Amendments memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIVERSION & RECYCLING

None

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Woodwaste Operations Update Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
 Seconded by Director Petersen

WMC.2022-4-4 “That the Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services’ Wood Waste Operations Update memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Eriksen provided an overview of the Wood Waste Operations Update.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Continued sourcing for future diversion of brush and clean wood waste
- Utilizing the air curtain burner
- Grinding vs. chipping wood waste
- Staff will provide an update in the future.

Verbal Update – Department Activity

Mr. Eriksen noted that operations are continuing as normal, and staff are moving forward with planning capital projects.

MISCELLANEOUS

Verbal Update – Cost Recovery Plan Review Deferral to May 2022

Chair Fisher expressed the need to move forward with the Cost Recovery Plan Review. Staff will bring forward information in May, 2022. The Committee discussed ensuring that sufficient time is allocated for the discussion at the Waste Management Committee Meeting in May. It was suggested that one hour be allocated for discussion.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

- Houston – Solid Waste and Recycling – May 2022
- Cost Recovery Plan – Review and Update – May 2022
- Disposal Fee Bylaw Changes – May 2022
- 2m3 rule – do we limit. Loopholes etc. – May 2022
- Daily Cover Material – Considerations for Sawmill waste (Hog fuel) – June 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Petersen

WMC.2022-4-5

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:04 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Fisher, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of
Corporate Services

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****STAFF REPORT**

TO: Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors
FROM: Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner
DATE: April 28, 2022
SUBJECT: Rezoning Application RZ G-01-22
3rd Reading and Adoption for OCP Bylaw 1972, 2022 & Rezoning Bylaw 1973, 2022

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Regional District Board receive the Report of the Public Hearing for “Houston, Topley, Granisle Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1972, 2022” and “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1973, 2022”.
2. That “Houston, Topley, Granisle Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1972, 2022” be given third reading and adoption.
3. That “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1973, 2022” be given third reading and adoption.

VOTING

All / Directors / Majority

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

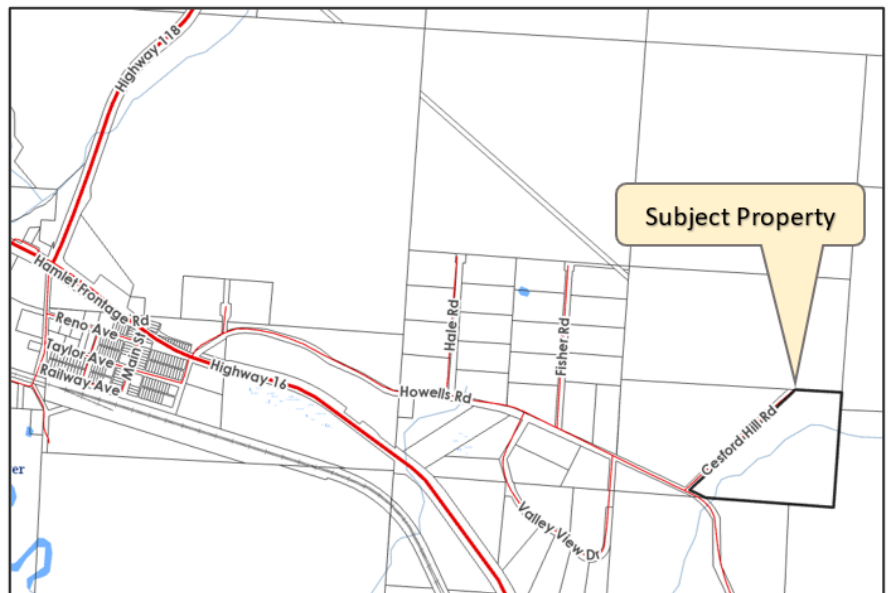
The proposed OCP amendment and rezoning of a 2.02 ha (5 ac) portion of the 14.55 ha (35.96 ac) subject property to the Rural Resource (RR) designation and the Small Holdings (H1) Zone, respectively, will allow the applicants to pursue a two-lot subdivision of these lands. The amendments and proposed subdivision fit the character of the area and no negative impacts are anticipated. Planning Department staff recommend Bylaw Nos. 1972 and 1973 be given third reading and adoption.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Name of Owners:	Steven Sherman & Valerie Sketchley
Electoral Area:	G
Subject Property:	The South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of District Lot 2627, Range 5, Coast District, Except Plans 1497 & 9206 (PID 015-132-358)
Property Size:	14.55 ha (35.96 ac)
OCP Designation:	Resource (RE) Designation in the “Houston, Topley, Granisle Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1622, 2011” (the OCP)
Zoning:	Large Holdings (H2) Zone in RDBN Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020 (the Zoning Bylaw)
ALR Status:	Not in the ALR
Existing Land Use:	Residential/Agricultural
Location:	11436 & 11604 Cesford Hill Road, Topley, about 2.5 km from the Highway 16-Highway 118 junction (see Subject Property Map)

Proposed Zoning and Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment

The applicants request an OCP amendment to change the Resource (RE) land use designation to Rural Residential (RR) on a ± 2.02 ha (5 ac) portion of the subject property, as outlined in orange in the site plan below. The applicants also request a rezoning of this ± 2.02 ha (5 ac) portion of the subject property from the Large Holdings (H2) Zone to the Small Holdings (H1) Zone. The requested changes are to facilitate a future two-lot subdivision application.



There are two existing single family dwellings on the subject property. The applicants are requesting an OCP and Zoning amendment to facilitate a two-lot subdivision so each dwelling can be owned separately. Both dwellings have separate driveways to access Cesford Hill Road and are sited approximately 170 m (557 ft) apart.

DISCUSSION

Proposed OCP Designation

The objectives of the Rural Residential (RR) designation include:

“(1) To provide opportunities for residential parcels that fit the existing rural character of the Plan area.

“(2) To support opportunities for affordable housing, rental housing and special needs housing.

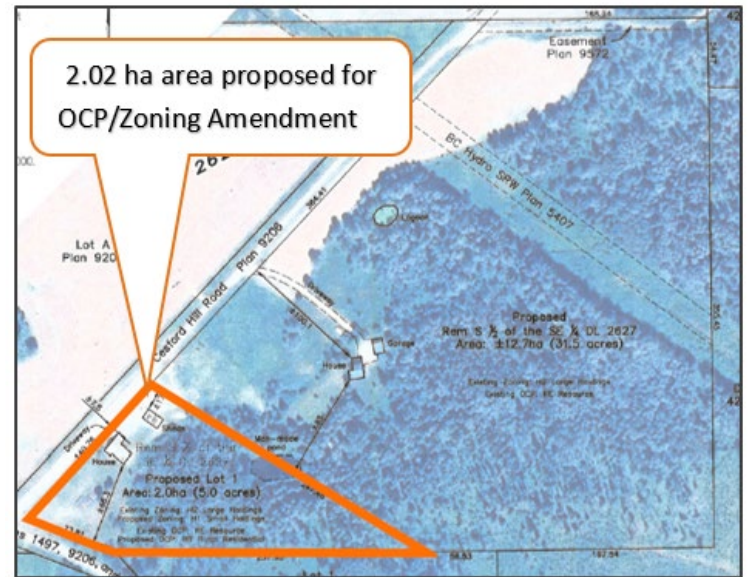
“(3) To ensure future development does not have a significant negative impact on the natural environment.

“(4) To protect and enhance the quality of life associated with existing and new rural residential development.”

Zoning

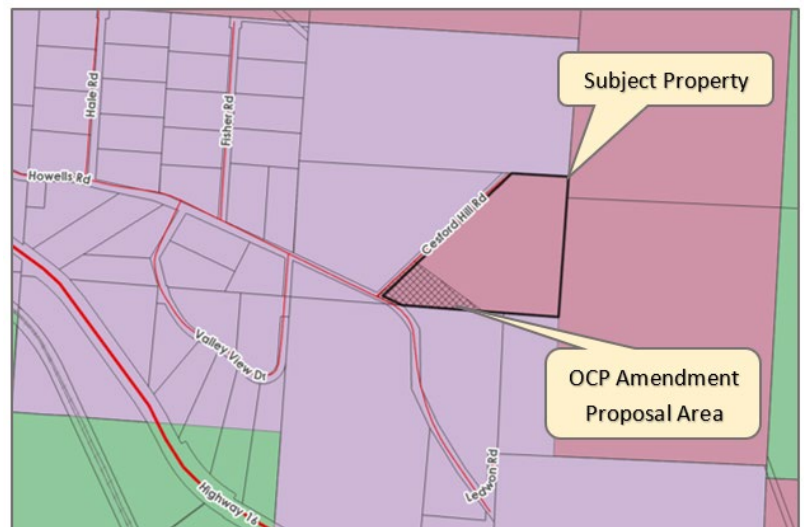
The minimum parcel area that may be created at subdivision is 8 ha (19.77 ac) in the H2 Zone and 2 ha (4.94 ac) in the H1 Zone. The proposed subdivision meets the permitted principal uses and minimum parcel size requirements of both zones. The surrounding neighbourhood has several properties that are \pm 2 ha in area in the H1 Zone as shown in the zoning map.

Proposed Site Plan



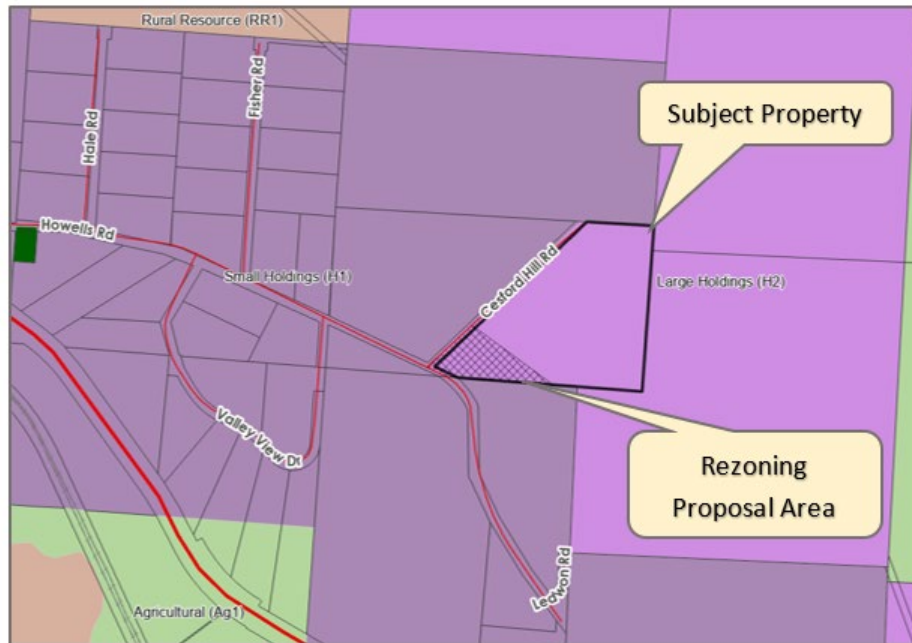
OCP Map

Dark Pink = Resource Designation; Purple = Rural Residential; & Green = Agriculture



Zoning Map

Light Purple = Large Holdings (H2) Zone; Dark Purple = Small Holdings (H1) Zone; Light Green = Agriculture (Ag1) Zone; Brown = Rural Resource (RR1) Zone; & Dark Green = Civic/Institutional (P1) Zone



Staff Comments

The subject property was rezoned from H1 to H2 on August 21, 1997. The property owners asked for the rezoning in 1997 because rescinded Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993 allowed one single family dwelling on H1 properties and the property owners wanted two dwellings on their parcel.

The amendments and proposed subdivision fit the character of the area. No negative impacts are anticipated, and the property is within the building inspection and Topley fire protection area. Planning Department staff recommend Bylaw Nos. 1972 and 1973 receive third reading.

Pursuant to Section 52(3)(a) of the Transportation Act, the bylaw requires endorsement by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure after third reading and before adoption, as the subject property is within 800 metres of Highway 16.

REFERRAL COMMENTS

Electoral Area G Advisory Planning Commission: The APC unanimously supported the application.

School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes): No response was received at the time of this writing of this report.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing for Bylaws Nos. 1972 and 1973, 2022 was held on April 26, 2022. The Report of the Public Hearing will be provided to the Board on the supplementary agenda.

ATTACHMENTS

- Bylaw No. 1972, 2022
- Bylaw No. 1973, 2022



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
BYLAW NO. 1972

A Bylaw to Amend "Houston, Topley, Granisle Rural
Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1622, 2011"

The Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in open meeting enacts as follows:

That "Houston, Topley, Granisle Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1622, 2011" be amended such that a ± 2.02 ha portion of these lands be redesignated from "Resource" (RE) to "Rural Residential" (RR).

The South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of District Lot 2627, Range 5, Coast District, Except Plans 1497 & 9206 as shown on Schedule "A", which is incorporated in and forms part of this bylaw.

This bylaw may be cited as "Houston, Topley, Granisle Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1972, 2022".

READ A FIRST TIME this 31st day of March, 2022

READ A SECOND TIME this 31st day of March, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING HELD this 26th day of April, 2022

READ A THIRD TIME this ____ day of ____, 2022

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1972, 2022".

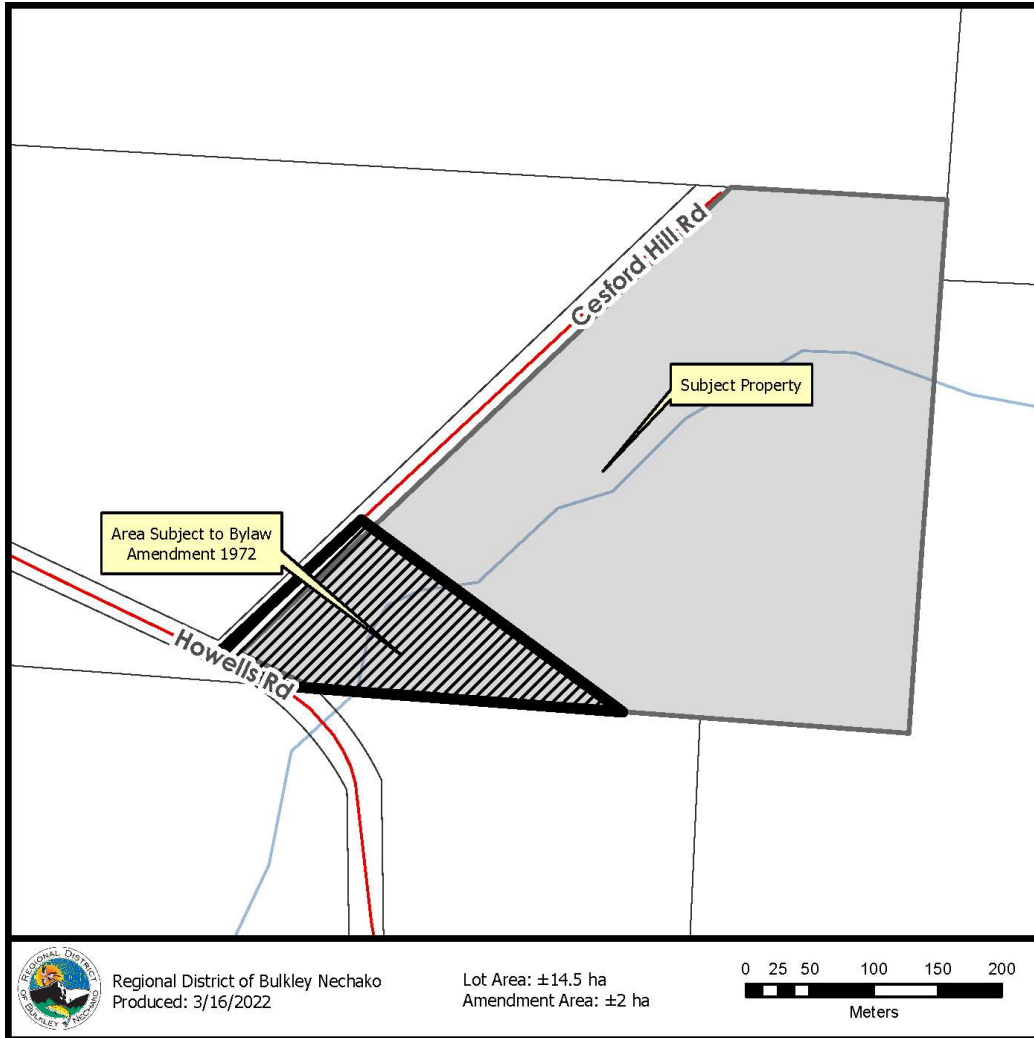
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Corporate Administrator

ADOPTED this ____ day of ____, 2022

Chairperson

Corporate Administrator

SCHEDULE "A" BYLAW NO. 1972

A ± 2.02 ha portion of the lands legally described as The South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of District Lot 2627, Range 5, Coast District, Except Plans 1497 & 9206, be redesignated from "Resource" (RE) to "Rural Residential" (RR).

I hereby certify that this is Schedule "A" of Bylaw No. 1972, 2022.

Corporate Administrator



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
BYLAW NO. 1973

A Bylaw to Amend “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020”

The Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in open meeting enacts as follows:

That “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020” be amended such that a ± 2.02 ha portion of these lands are rezoned from the “Large Holdings (H2)” Zone to the “Small Holdings (H1)” Zone.

The South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of District Lot 2627, Range 5, Coast District, Except Plans 1497 & 9206 as shown on Schedule “A”, which is incorporated in and forms part of this bylaw.

This bylaw may be cited as “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1973, 2022”.

READ A FIRST TIME this 31st day of March, 2022

READ A SECOND TIME this 31st day of March, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING HELD this 26th day of April, 2022

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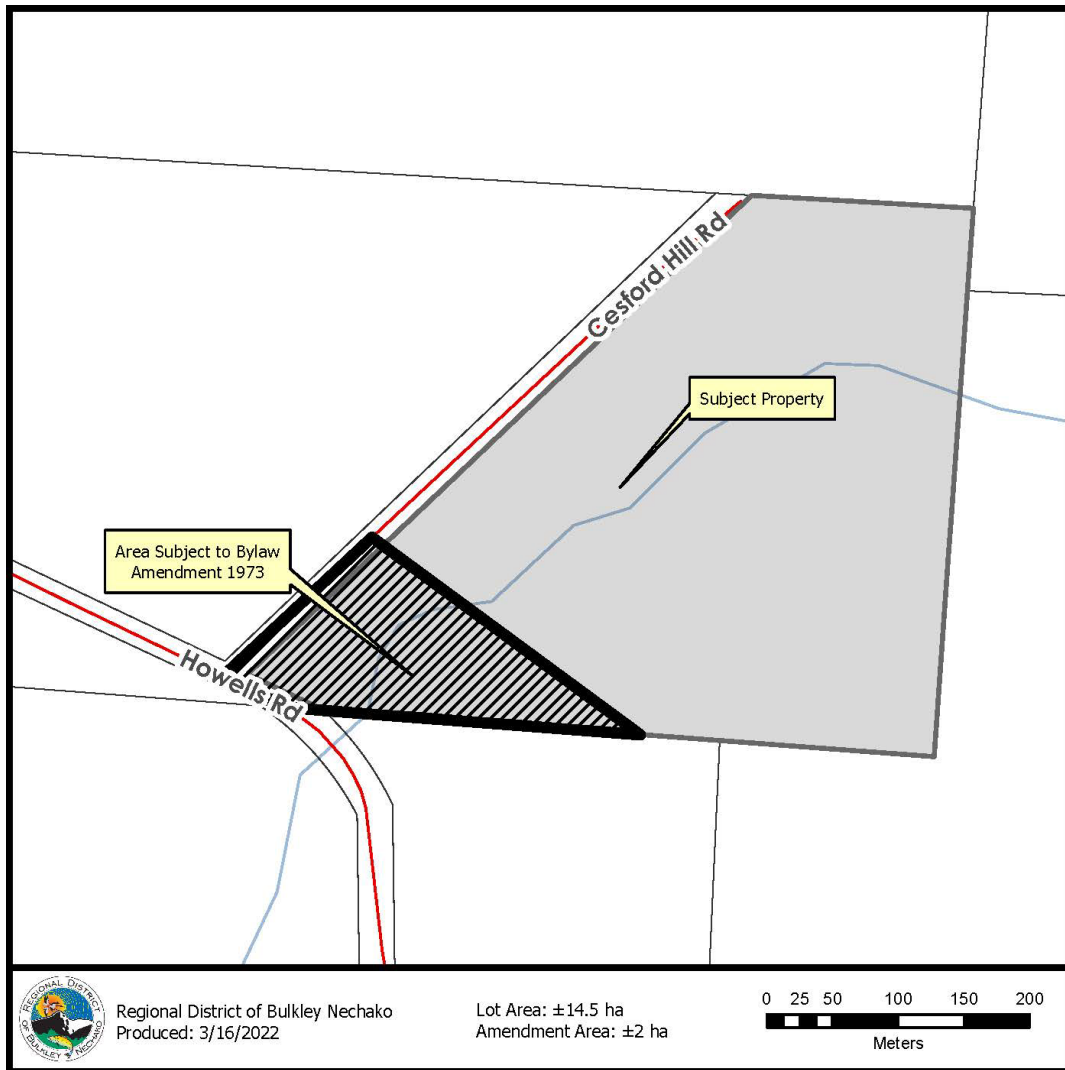
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Corporate Administrator

ADOPTED this ____ day of ____, 2022

Chairperson

Corporate Administrator

SCHEDULE "A" BYLAW NO. 1973

A ± 2.02 ha portion of the lands legally described as The South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of District Lot 2627, Range 5, Coast District, Except Plans 1497 & 9206, rezoned from the "Large Holdings (H2)" Zone to the "Small Holdings (H1)" Zone.

I hereby certify that this is Schedule "A" of Bylaw No. 1973, 2022.

Corporate Administrator

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****STAFF REPORT**

TO: Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors

FROM: Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner

DATE: April 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Rezoning Application RZ A-09-21
Adoption for Rezoning Bylaw 1969, 2022

RECOMMENDATION

That “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1969, 2022” be given adoption.

VOTING

All / Directors / Majority

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed rezoning of the property from the Small Holdings (H1) Zone to the Small Holdings – Additional Dwelling (H1A) Zone will allow the replacement of one of the two single family dwellings on the subject property, which was damaged by fire. Staff recommend that Rezoning Bylaw No. 1969, 2022 be given adoption.

The bylaw has been endorsed by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, as required for properties within 800 m of Highway 16, pursuant to Section 52(3)(a) of the *Transportation Act*.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Name of Agent/Owner:	Chris Schippers, Schippers Creek Contracting Ltd.
Electoral Area:	A
Subject Property:	Lot 3, Section 11, Township 1A, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 4130
Property Size:	3.50 ha (8.65 ac)
OCP Designation:	Rural Residential (RR) in “Smithers Telkwa Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1704, 2014”
Zoning:	Small Holdings (H1) in RDBN Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020 (the Zoning Bylaw)
ALR Status:	Not in the ALR
Existing Land Use:	Residential (both residential structures are vacant)
Location:	5024 & 5084 Laughlin Road, about 175 m from Highway 16 & abutting Town of Smithers airport lands (see Subject Property Map)

Proposed Rezoning

The applicant requests a rezoning of the subject property from the Small Holdings (H1) Zone to the Small Holdings – Additional Dwelling (H1A) Zone to allow the construction of a second dwelling which was damaged by fire. This second dwelling was built when the property was zoned Rural II under repealed Zoning Bylaw No 18, 1970, which allowed this 5+ ac (2.02+ ha) property to have two dwellings.

DISCUSSION**Official Community Plan**

The subject property is designated Rural Residential (RR) in the “Smithers Telkwa Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1704, 2014” (OCP). To the north, west, and south of the property, lands are designated for Rural Residential land use.

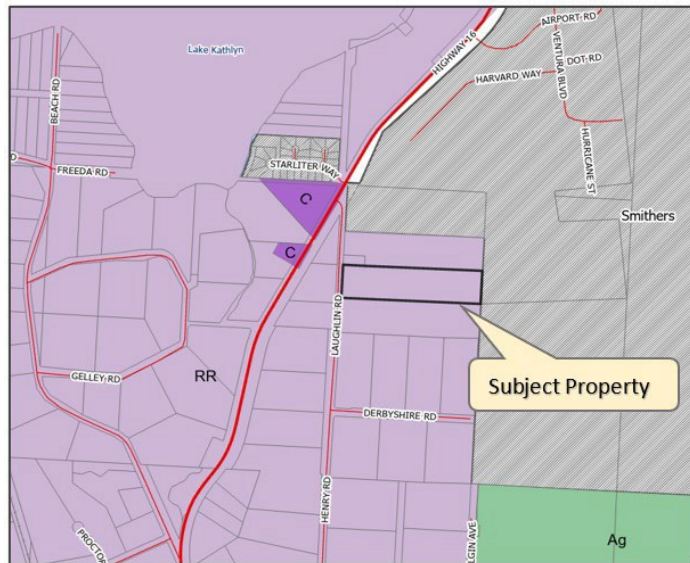
Subject Property

OCP Policy Section 3.4.2(7) states a rezoning application to allow a second single family dwelling on a parcel may only be considered under the following circumstances:

- “(a) The subject property is a minimum of 2 hectares (5 acres) in size or larger, or a 2nd single family dwelling exists and is legal but non-conforming to zoning.*
- (b) It has been demonstrated that the parcel can accommodate an on-site sewage disposal system for two dwellings.*
- (c) The development is compatible with adjacent land uses and maintains the rural character of the area.*
- (d) The parcel is not located within a floodplain or on other hazard lands.*
- (e) The development addresses wildlife and ecological values.*
- (f) And, the future subdivision of the land into a parcel smaller than 2 hectares (5 acres) is prohibited.”*

OCP Map

Light Purple = Rural Residential Designation; Dark Purple = Commercial Designation; Green = Agriculture Designation
Grey Hatching = Town of Smither



The application includes an initial site investigation report performed by a Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioner stating a Type 1 lagoon is an appropriate option for the subject property. Compliance to Northern Health regulations is ensured as part of the usual building permit process.

Zoning and Legal Non-Conformity

The 3.50 ha (8.65 ac) property meets the parcel size requirement of the Small Holdings (H1) Zone and Small Holdings – Additional Dwelling (H1A Zone). The difference between the H1 Zone and H1A Zone is the permitted density and maximum dwelling size for a second dwelling, a shown below:

Parcel Area	Maximum Permitted Density	
	H1 Zone	H1A Zone
Less than 2 ha (4.94 ac)	1 SFD OR 1 Two Family Dwelling	2 Single Family Dwellings (only 1 of 2 may exceed 120 m ² /1,290 ft ²) OR 1 Two Family Dwelling
2 ha (4.94 ac) or greater	2 SFD OR 1 Two Family Dwelling	

The property owner stated the second dwelling has been vacant since the fire and would need to be rebuilt to be habitable. The *Local Government Act* extinguishes legal non-conformity of the second dwelling since 75% of the value of building has been damaged/destroyed and the dwelling has been in disuse for 6+ months. Due to this, the property owner would need to rezone to H1A to rebuild the second dwelling.

Staff Comments

The applicant's proposal aligns with the Rural Residential OCP policies for considering a second single family dwelling on a parcel. Planning Department staff do not anticipate any negative outcomes from allowing a second single family dwelling on the subject property and recommend that Rezoning Bylaw No. 1969, 2022 be given adoption.

Bylaw No. 1969 has been endorsed by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, as required for properties within 800 m of Highway 16, pursuant to Section 52(3)(a) of the *Transportation Act*.

REFERRAL COMMENTS

Electoral Area A Advisory Planning Commission: supports application.

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure: "Interests unaffected by this Bylaw. The Ministry sees no impact to our infrastructure and has no comments at this time. Pursuant to section 52(3)(a) of the Transportation Act, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is prepared to endorse the Bylaw after its third reading."

Northern Health: no comments.

Town of Smithers: no comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

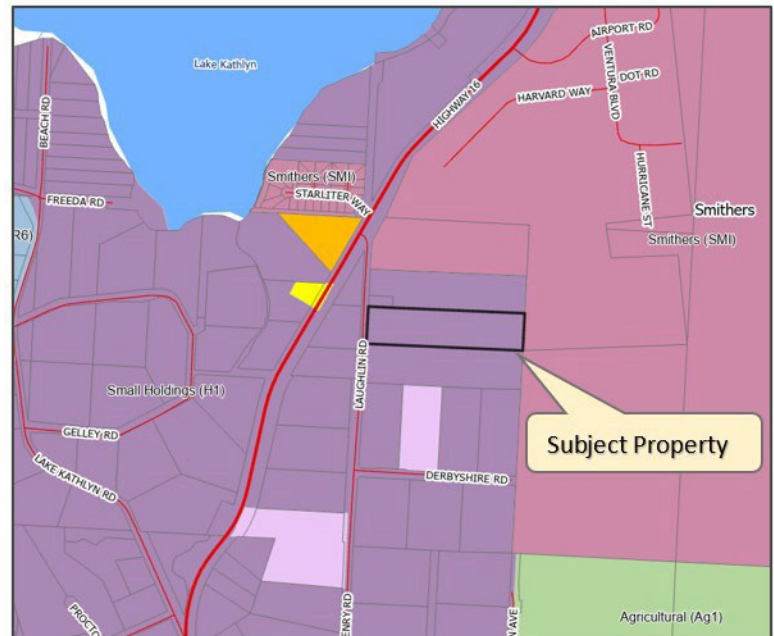
The Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 1969, 2022 was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

ATTACHMENT

- Bylaw No. 1969, 2022

Zoning Map

Dark Purple = Small Holdings (H1) Zone; Light Purple = Small Holdings – Additional Dwelling (H1A) Zone; Yellow = General Commercial (C1) Zone; Orange = Highway Commercial (C2) Zone; and Green = Agricultural (AG1) Zone; & Pink = Town of Smithers





REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
BYLAW NO. 1969

A Bylaw to Amend "Regional District of
Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020"

The Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in open meeting enacts as follows:

That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020" be amended such that the following land is rezoned from the "Small Holdings (H1)" Zone to the "Small Holdings – Additional Dwelling (H1A)" Zone.

Lot 3, Section 11, Township 1A, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 4130 as shown on Schedule "A", which is incorporated in and forms part of this bylaw.

This bylaw may be cited as the "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1969, 2022".

READ A FIRST TIME this 27th day of January, 2022

READ A SECOND TIME this 27th day of January, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING HELD this 1st day of March, 2022

READ A THIRD TIME this 28 day of March, 2022

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1969, 2022".

DATED AT BURNS LAKE this 11 day of April, 2022

Corporate Administrator

Approved pursuant to section 52(3)(a) of the *Transportation Act*
this 14th day of April, 2022

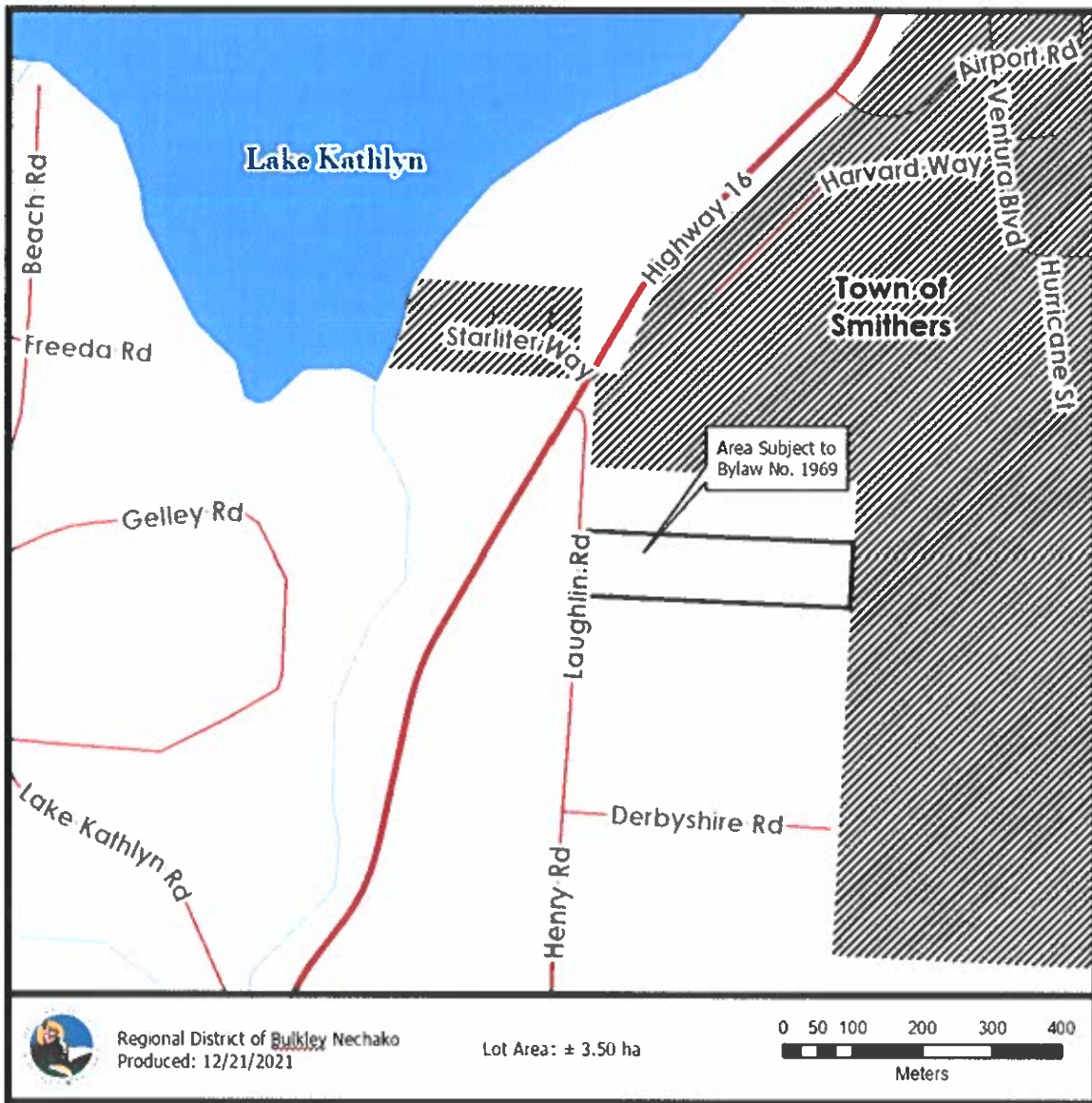
for Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure

ADOPTED this ___ day of ___, 2022

Chairperson

Corporate Administrator

SCHEDULE "A" BYLAW NO. 1969



Lot 3, Section 11, Township 1A, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 4130, comprising ± 3.50 ha, rezoned from the "Small Holdings (H1)" Zone to the "Small Holdings – Additional Dwelling (H1A)" Zone.

I hereby certify that this is Schedule "A" of Bylaw No. 1969, 2022.

Corporate Administrator

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****STAFF REPORT**

TO: Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors
FROM: Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner
DATE: April 28, 2022
SUBJECT: ALR Subdivision Application No. 1242

RECOMMENDATION

That Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision Application No. 1242 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval.

VOTING

All / Directors / Majority

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This applicant is requesting Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) approval to subdivide the subject property into two equally sized parcels with areas of ± 129.55 ha (± 320.13 ac). No negative impacts to agriculture are anticipated from the proposal, which complies with RDBN parcel size regulations. Planning staff recommend the application be recommended to the ALC for approval.

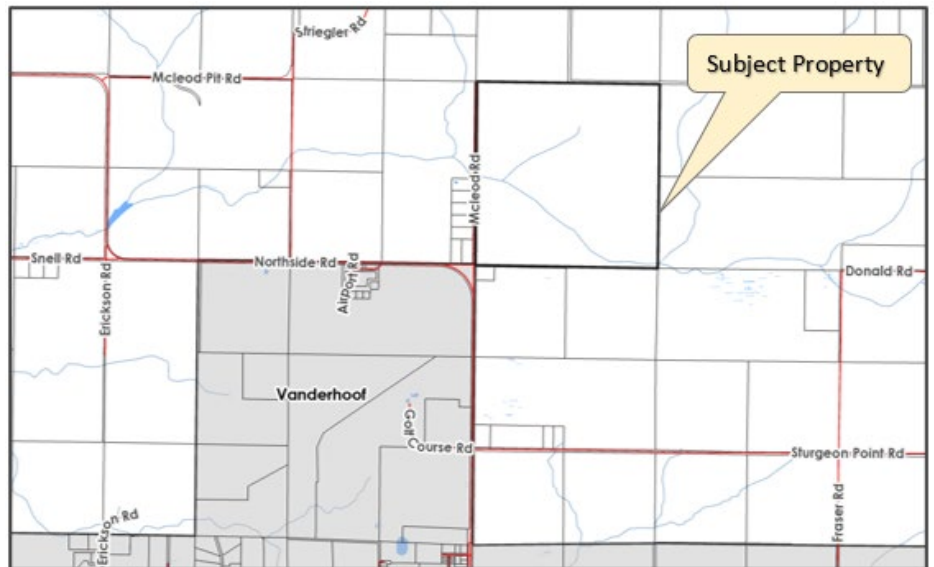
APPLICATION SUMMARY

Name of Agent/Owner:	Kyle Martens, Landmark Farms Ltd.
Electoral Area:	F
Subject Property:	Section 27, Township 11, Range 5, Coast District (PID 009-095-161)
Property Size:	259.07 ha (640.18 ac)
OCP Designation:	Agricultural (Ag) in “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Vanderhoof Rural OCP Bylaw No. 1963, 2021” (the OCP)
Zoning:	Agricultural (AG1) in the “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020” (the Zoning Bylaw)
Existing Land Use:	Agriculture
Location:	5046 McLeod Road, adjacent to the District of Vanderhoof (see subject property map)
Proposed Subdivision:	Lot 1: ± 129.55 ha (± 320.13 ac) Lot 2: ± 129.55 ha (± 320.13 ac)

Proposal:

The applicant is requesting Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) approval to subdivide the subject property into two equally sized parcels with areas of ± 129.55 ha (± 320.13 ac) (see Proposed Subdivision Plan).

The purpose of the proposed subdivision is to allow the owners of Landmark Farms, who are near retirement, to transfer ownership of the lands to two adult children.

Subject Property Map

Proposed Subdivision Plan



DISCUSSION

Official Community Plan (OCP)

The intent of the Agriculture (Ag) land use designation in the OCP is, *“to preserve these lands for the purposes of farming and other related activities”*.

OCP Policy 3.1.2(3) states that, *“[a] minimum parcel size of 16 hectares (39.5 acres) is supported unless a different parcel size is approved by the [ALC]”*. OCP Policy 3.1.2(5) states that, *“[w]herever possible contiguous areas of agricultural land will be preserved to ensure that agriculture and associated activities are protected from potentially incompatible land uses”*. Further, OCP Policy 3.1.2(9) states *“[s]ubdivisions and consolidations which permit more efficient use of land for agricultural purposes will also be supported”*.

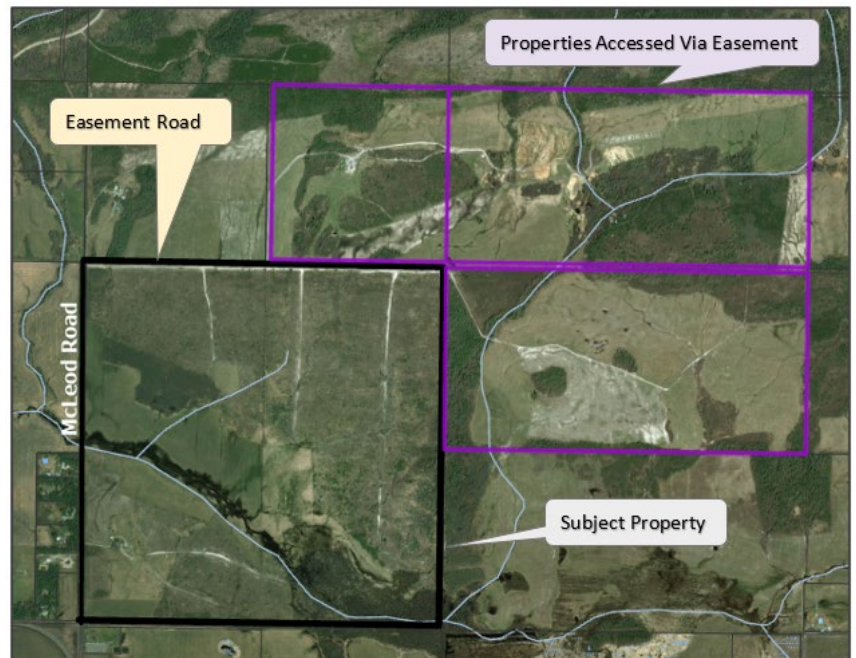
Zoning

The subject property is zoned Agriculture (AG1). The minimum parcel size at subdivision for the AG1 zone is 16 ha (39.5 ac) and agriculture is a permitted principal use.

Planning Staff Comments

The applicant's proposed two lot subdivision exceeds OCP minimum parcel size requirements. Additionally, the applicant states the subdivision will make it financially viable for the family to make agricultural improvements, such as land clearing. This may enhance the agricultural capability of the lands by allowing more cattle, grazing, and hay production.

There are existing easements paralleling the north parcel line of the subject property. These easements provide a road for three landlocked parcels to McLeod Road.



No negative impacts to agriculture are anticipated from the proposal, which complies with RDBN parcel size regulations. Planning staff recommend the application be recommended to the ALC for approval.

Referral Comments

Area F Advisory Planning Commission (APC): The APC supported the application.

RDBN Regional Agriculture Coordinator - East: The Agriculture Coordinator - East had no concerns with the proposal.

Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Fisheries: No were comments received by the Ministry.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix A – Agriculture Capability
2. Appendix B – Surrounding ALR Applications
3. Submitted ALR Application

APPENDIX A

Agricultural Capability based on Canada Land Inventory Mapping

13.75% of the subject lands are:

50% 5T (limited by topography)

50% 5D (limited by undesirable soil structure)

17.5 % of the subject lands are:

5W (Excess groundwater)

20% of the subject lands are:

60% 4C (limited by adverse climate)

40% 5X (limited by cumulative effect of a combination of soil factors)

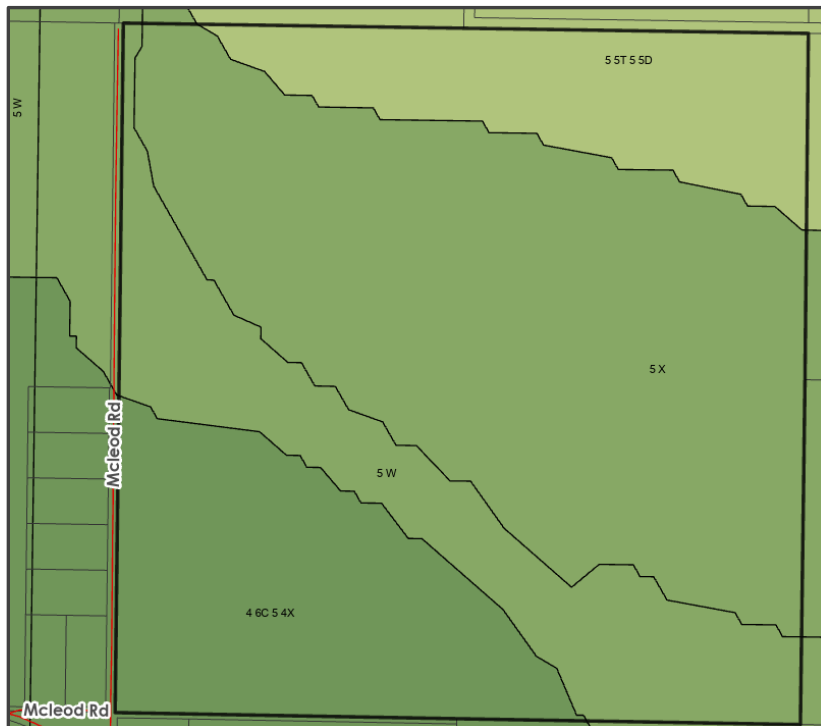
48.75% of the subject lands are:

5X (limited by cumulative effect of a combination of soil factors)

Class 4 Land in this class has limitations that require special management practices or severely restrict the range of crops, or both.

Class 5 Land in this class has limitations that restrict its capability to producing perennial forage crops or other specially adapted crops.

Agricultural Capability Map

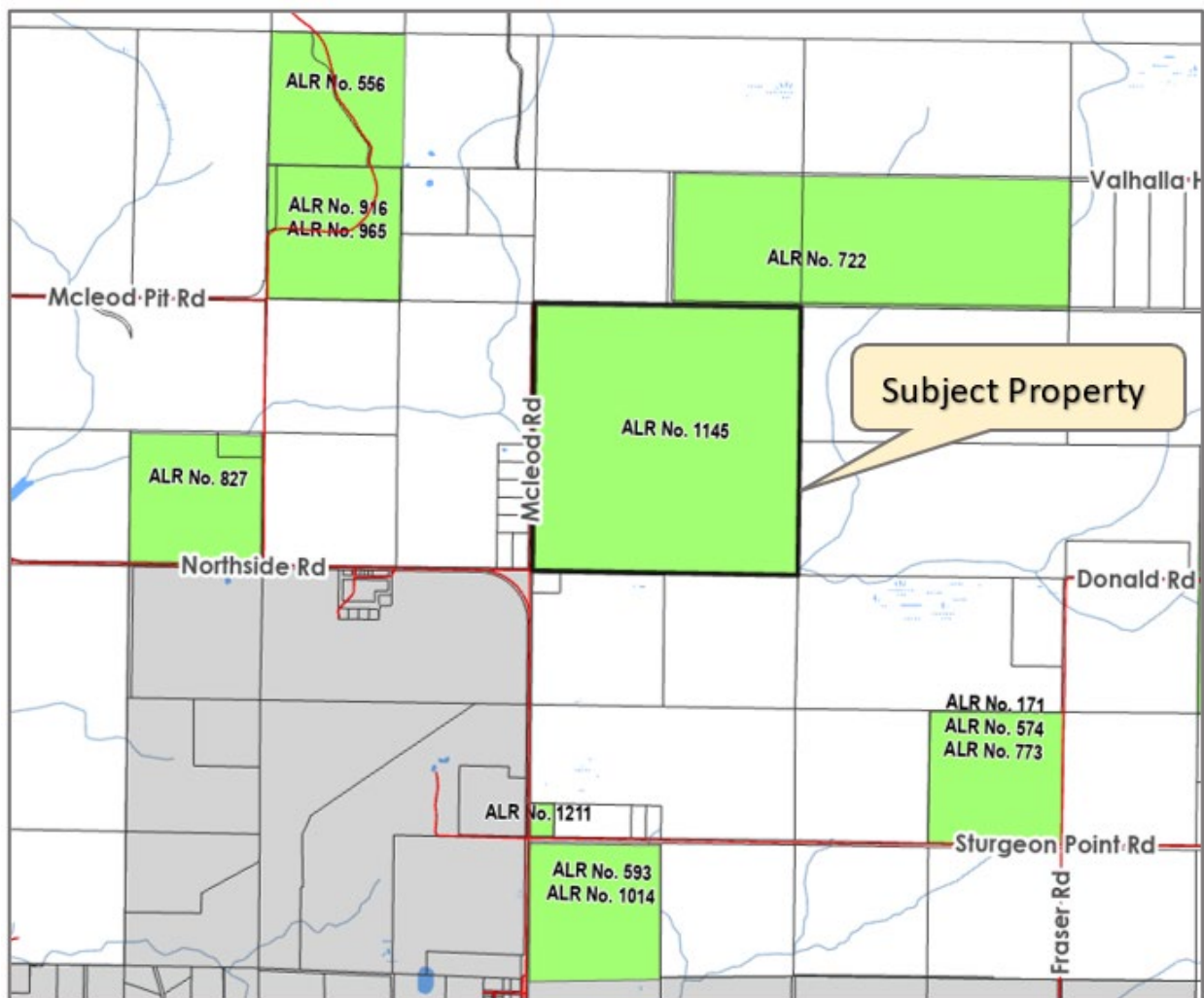


APPENDIX B:

Surrounding Applications

ALR Application	Legal Description	Summary	Recommendation
1145 Subject Property	Section 27, Township 11, Range 5 Coast District	To subdivide a 16 ha lot from a 257.9 ha parcel.	Denial
			Denial
			Denied
171	SE 1/4, Section 23, Township 11, Range 5	Application to place a trailer on the 160 ac (64.75 ha).	Approval
			Approval
			Approved
556	NW ¼ Section 33, Township 11, Range 5	Application for an agricultural lease.	Approval
			Approval
			Approved
574	SE 1/4, Section 23, Township 11, Range 5, Coast District, except Hwy R/W Plan 5813	Application to exclude 0.405 ha from 64 ha.	Denial
			Denial
			Denied
593	NW 1/4 Section 15, Township 11, Range 5, Coast District	Application to subdivide.	Denial
			Approval
			Approved
722	Section 34, Township 11, Range 5	Application for inclusion in the ALR.	Approval
			Approval
			Approved
773	SE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 11, Range 5, Coast District	Application to subdivide one parcel of 2.02 ha for a homesite.	Denial
			Denial
			Denied
827	SE ¼, Section 29, Township 11, Range 5	Application for a homesite severance of 4.0 ha.	Approval
			Approval
			Approved
916	SW ¼, Section 33, Township 11, Range 5, Coast District except Hwy RoW Plan 28086	Application to subdivide a 2.35 ha lot containing their son's residence off of the 63-ha property.	Approval
			Approval
			Approved
965	Part SW ¼, Section 33, Township 11, Range 5, Coast District except Hwy RoW Plan 28086	Application for 2-lot subdivision: 4 ha lot for applicants' child & 58.76 ha lot to consolidate with adjacent farmland.	Approval (Conditional)
			Approval (Conditional)
			Approved
1014	Lot A, Part NW ¼, Section 15, Township 11, Range 5 Coast District, Plan PRP411111, that portion outside the District of Vanderhoof	Allow non-farm use for a heavy equipment repair business.	Approval subject to the non-farm use being limited new large dairy barn & approx. 30 m surrounding the barn.
			Same as above.
			Approval subject to the activities being confined to the repair & maintenance of farm equipment & machinery.
1211	Lot A, Section 22, Township 11, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 5106	Non-Farm Use for approx. 1.2 ac (0.49 ha) equipment parking lot.	Denial
			Denial
			Denied

Surrounding Applications Map





Provincial Agricultural Land Commission - Applicant Submission

Application ID: 64694

Application Status: Under LG Review

Applicant: Landmark Farms

Agent: Kyle Martens

Local Government: Bulkley-Nechako Regional District

Local Government Date of Receipt: 02/10/2022

ALC Date of Receipt: This application has not been submitted to ALC yet.

Proposal Type: Subdivision

Proposal: The purpose of this proposal is to split this property in half for the owners two sons. Eventually would like to clear the rest to make more farmland.

Agent Information

Agent: Kyle Martens

Mailing Address:

[REDACTED]

Primary Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Parcel Information

Parcel(s) Under Application

1. **Ownership Type:** Fee Simple

Parcel Identifier: 009-095-161

Legal Description: SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP 11 RANGE 5 COAST DISTRICT

Parcel Area: 259.1 ha

Civic Address: 5046 Mcleod Rd, Vanderhoof BC, V0J3A2

Date of Purchase: 03/11/2015

Farm Classification: Yes

Owners

1. **Name:** Landmark Farms

Address:

[REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Cell: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Current Use of Parcels Under Application

1. Quantify and describe in detail all agriculture that currently takes place on the parcel(s).
In 2021 the property grazed 50 cow/calf pairs and produced 250 ton of oat green feed

2. Quantify and describe in detail all agricultural improvements made to the parcel(s).
There have been no agricultural improvements

3. Quantify and describe all non-agricultural uses that currently take place on the parcel(s).
400 acres in treed land

Adjacent Land Uses

North

Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm
Specify Activity: crop

East

Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm
Specify Activity: Mostly Treed

South

Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm
Specify Activity: crop

West

Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm
Specify Activity: residential/crop

Proposal

1. Enter the total number of lots proposed for your property.

129.55 ha

129.55 ha

2. What is the purpose of the proposal?

The purpose of this proposal is to split this property in half for the owners two sons. Eventually would like to clear the rest to make more farmland.

3. Why do you believe this parcel is suitable for subdivision?

I think its suitable because it will make two very nice sizable pieces of farm land once trees are cleared.

4. Does the proposal support agriculture in the short or long term? Please explain.

It will support agriculture in the long term because it takes time and money to clear land to get it ready to farm.

5. Are you applying for subdivision pursuant to the ALC Homesite Severance Policy? If yes, please

submit proof of property ownership prior to December 21, 1972 and proof of continued occupancy in the "Upload Attachments" section.

No

Applicant Attachments

- Agent Agreement-Kyle Martens
- Proposal Sketch-64694
- Certificate of Title-009-095-161

ALC Attachments

None.

Decisions

None.

1. Enter the total number of lots proposed for your property.	Total of two lots. Each 129.55ha.
2. What is the purpose of the proposal?	<p>The current owner is in the process of retiring. By splitting the parcel into two lots each son will take possession of one allowing the property to stay within the family. Neither son is in a position to take over the entire parcel. Allowing it to be split would make clearing it and farming it more likely as it would be a more manageable size while still remaining a large enough parcel to be a functional farm.</p>
3. Why do you believe this parcel is suitable for subdivision?	<p>The splitting of the parcel into 129.55 ha lots would maintain the current agricultural behavior of the lot. Currently the southern lot is being used for hay, while the northern parcel is mostly treed and being used as space for cattle.</p> <p>Splitting the parcels still allows for access as there is a road access in place already as well as power lines to both parcels.</p> <p>There are no barriers in place as far as zoning. Requirements are met.</p>

4. Does the proposal support agriculture in the short or long term? Please explain.

Allowing the subdivision would allow the parcels to be used to the best suited agriculture. By splitting into the proposed parcels each son will be able to focus on using the parcel in the most appropriate way to support local agriculture.

The northern piece is best suited for cattle due to the hilly terrain. While there has been some initial clearing done this parcel has not been focused on due to time and financial constraints consistent with larger pieces of land.

The southern parcel is partially cleared and being used as hay and grazing. The parcel is appropriate to be cleared to create more hay and grazing fields.

Short term the use of the parcels would remain as currently used. Long term would be to expand the use of the parcels by clearing to create more useable farmable land.



April 28, 2022

Honourable David Eby, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing
 PO Box 9044 Stn Prov Govt
 Victoria, BC V8W 9E2
 Via email: AG.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Eby:

BC Energy Step Code

The Regional District understands the potential benefits of the BC Energy Step Code. However, as you can appreciate our low density and geographic situation create unique considerations which make aspects of Step Code implementation challenging. The challenges do not relate to staff capacity or permitting issues. The concerns are related to the requirements for on-site testing by professionals as part of the building process. Even with good success in developing professional capacity in the region, the cost to retain the services of the Energy Advisors, especially in rural and remote areas, will be high. In some areas it may be a challenge to retain the necessary on-site services at any cost.

The RDBN appreciates the intent behind the Energy Step Code; however, the anticipated impact may be counterproductive to the intent. New construction is limited in our region given increasing construction costs and challenges, in relation to market values. Older less energy efficient homes are not being replaced with new homes, and new housing types are not being adequately developed to meet local needs. The Province is encouraged to work with northern local governments to identify a strategy that will work in the north and encourage the building of the required new energy efficient housing. Specifically, the RDBN asks that the Province allow persons other than Energy Advisors to perform the required on-site air tightness testing.

Sincerely,

Gerry Thiessen
 RDBN Board Chair

cc. Gaetane Carignan, Community Energy Association (GCarignan@communityenergy.bc.ca)



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors
From: Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
Date: April 28, 2022
Subject: Committee Meeting Recommendations – April 14, 2022

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

Recommendation 1 and 3 as written

BACKGROUND

The following are the recommendations from the April 14, 2022 Committee Meetings for the Regional Board's consideration and approval.

Committee of the Whole Meeting – April 14, 2022

Recommendation 1:

Re: Board Meeting Recordings for Public Viewing

"That that Board and Committee Meeting recordings be made available to the public via an RDBN YouTube channel. Further, that the recordings remain on the site until the next recording becomes available."

Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting – April 14, 2022

Recommendation 2:

Re: Letter to Minister Kang Re: Investment in More BC Vets

"That the Board approve sending the letter to the Honourable Anne Kang, Minister for Advanced Education, Skills and Training regarding Investment in More BC Vets."

Recommendation 3:

Re: COVID-19 Relief Fund Applications

"That the Board approve the following applications for COVID-19 Relief Funds:

-Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

-Threehouse Housing Association – The Ark Playday Centre – Insurance - \$2,742.48

-Smithers Zone Canadian Ski Patrol – Insurance and Membership Fees - \$3,772.08



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting – April 14, 2022 (Cont'd)

-Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)

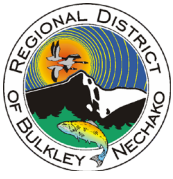
- Burns Lake Community Garden Society – Insurance - \$673.44
- Ride Burns – Insurance and Fees - \$2,654.33
- Burns Lake & District Chamber of Commerce – Shop Local Campaign - \$2,000.00
- Lakes District Fair Association – Memberships, Fees, Insurance - \$922.68

-Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)

- Fraser Lake Minor Hockey Association – Rental Fees - \$3,724.98
- Fraser Lake Curling Club – Rental Fees - \$1,419.00
- Fort Fraser Community Recreation Society – Utilities - \$856.89

-Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

- Francois Tchesinkut Lake Recreation Commission – Hydro - \$2,216.50
- Ride Burns – Insurance and Fees - \$2654.33
- Lakes District Fair Association – Memberships, Fees, Insurance - \$4,446.52."



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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Date: April 28, 2022
Subject: Veterinarian Shortage Resolution

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

That the Veterinarian Shortage Resolution be ratified as amended.

BACKGROUND

Prior to the Province's commitment of 20 extra seats at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, the RDBN Board, as well as the Regional District of Fraser Fort-George Board, submitted a Veterinarian Shortage Resolution to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) for consideration at its upcoming Convention.

Following the announcement, the Resolutions and Policy Analyst from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) reached out to ask if we would like the resolution to be withdrawn. After discussions with RDFFG, concerns remained that the commitment is for one year only. A small change was agreed upon with RDFFG, and a revised resolution was submitted. The change has been highlighted in the attached resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Veterinarian Shortage Resolution (Revised)
2. Veterinarian Shortage Resolution (Original)

Veterinarian Shortage***Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako***

WHEREAS there is a CRITICAL shortage of Veterinarians, particularly for large animals, in BC;

AND WHEREAS the Province of BC sponsors 20 IPA (Inter-Provincial Agreement) students (out of the 140+ who apply) per year for the four-year Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, and has committed to one year funding for an additional 20 students for 2022-23;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM request the Minister of Advanced Education and the Government of BC commit to funding a total of 40 Veterinary students under the Inter-Provincial Agreement in each year for four years at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine.

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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Date: April 28, 2022
Subject: Departmental Quarterly Reports

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

Receive.

BACKGROUND

At the July 8, 2021 Strategic Planning Session, discussion took place regarding the preparation of an Annual Report. While an annual report is not legislatively required by Regional Districts, the Board wanted to work towards implementing an annual report, similar to those that are legislated by municipalities. In preparing for an annual report, starting in 2022, each department will be presenting quarterly reports to the Board, and the information contained within each report will be utilized at the end of each year to develop an RDBN Annual Report.

As this is the first presentation of the quarterly reports, staff are looking for the Board's comments as we work on fine tuning our presentations to keep the Board apprised of the status of strategic priorities, departmental work plans, and normal operations.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Administration Quarterly Report
2. Finance Quarterly Report
3. Protective Services Quarterly Report
4. Planning Quarterly Report
5. Environmental Services Quarterly Report



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Staffing

Fulltime permanent:

Curtis Helgesen, CAO

Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Kyla Spankie, Administration Clerk

Taddea Kunkel, First Nations Liaison

Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development

Shari Janzen, Economic Development Assistant

Justin Greer, Economic Development Assistant

During this quarter, we welcomed Kyla Spankie and Justin Greer to the RDBN team. The recruitment process is underway for summer students in Administration and Economic Development.

Strategic Priorities

Following the 2018 Local Government Elections, the RDBN held a one day Strategic Planning Session in February 2019 facilitated by CAO Melany de Weerd. The Board reviewed the priorities established by the previous Board, and each department provided an overview of their workplans.

The Board and senior management participated in a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis followed by a brainstorming session to establish strategic priorities for the term.

The top priorities identified by the Board were as follows:

2019 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES CHART	
NOW	
Wildfires/Emergency Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Public Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2019 preparation ○ Plan/proposal to address resource requirements ○ After action report ○ Policy changes ○ Advocacy for change ○ Process for information exchange ○ Strategy for public communication
Revenue Sharing (Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Keep revenue from resource extraction in the region to create livable and sustainable communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Livability/sustainability plan for the Province ○ Negotiate and ink a deal

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Resident Attraction/Retention (Workforce, skilled, professionals) (Board requested this heading be changed to Housing Strategy at the July 8, 2021 Strategic Planning Session)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improve quality of life for residents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Economic Development Plan ○ Healthcare advocacy ○ Parks and Recreation ○ Arts & Culture ○ Education Advocacy ○ Bulkley-Nechako Workforce Opportunity Table (BNWOT) ○ Connectivity 		
Work Camp Strategy		
Public Engagement – Communication		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Timely ➤ Concise ➤ Internal/external 		
First Nations Partnerships/Relationships		
NEXT		
	Infrastructure	Ongoing operating costs
	Parks and Recreation	(see Cariboo for example)
	Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Define - Project based - Bring opportunities - Promote further processing
BOARD ADVOCACY		
1.	Healthcare	
2.	Forestry	
3.	Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Broadband “big data” - Cell
4.	Species At Risk	
5.	Water Management	Environmental Impacts Climate Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cumulative impacts
6.	Rail Safety	
7.	Three Phase Power	
OPERATIONAL/Committee of the Whole		
	Waste Management	
	Agriculture	
	Transit	

The following is a status update on the above priorities:

[Wildfires/Emergency Services](#)

The Protective Services Department has been working towards the strategic priorities through collaborative partnerships with member municipalities and through multiple funding opportunities to enhance processes for public communication, emergency planning and emergency response aimed to enhance the RDBN’s public safety

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resources. Throughout the year, Protective Services staff strive to ensure the Emergency Operations Centre is prepared to respond to an event through acquiring the proper equipment, provision of staff training and seeking opportunities to build relationships with emergency response stakeholders. The Protective Services Department provides public education on its various programs through social media, advertising campaigns, farmers markets, the RDBN website, development of public education documents and community outreach. The Protective Services department remains active in advocating for residents whenever possible and appropriate. This is inclusive of advocating for support in areas that have been identified by the Board as priority and ensuring Local Governments have an opportunity for fair consultation when changes in policies are proposed.

Protective Services programs underway such as FireSmart, HRVA, Neighbourhood Preparedness Planning, and Evacuation Route Planning all contribute toward the strategic priorities.

[Revenue Sharing \(Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance – RBA\)](#)

The RBA met with Premier Horgan and Ministers at the 2019 and 2020 Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention, and in 2020 the Province committed to having an agreement in place with the RBA within the next 6-12 months. The RBA Steering Committee continues to work towards securing an agreement with the Province.

[Resident Attraction/Retention](#)

Staff completed the 2022-2024 Regional Economic Development Plan which was adopted by the Board on February 24, 2022.

[Housing Strategy](#)

The RDBN completed a Housing Needs Report for the rural areas of the RDBN. The report contains information on current housing needs, projected community growth, and future housing needs.

[Bulkley-Nechako Workforce Opportunity Table](#)

At the February 24, 2022 Board meeting, the Board resolved to withdraw from the Bulkley-Nechako Workforce Opportunities Table.

[Work Camp Strategy](#)

On May 7, 2020 Coastal GasLink was invited as a delegation to a COW meeting to discuss its workcamp issues and pipeline construction. In November, 2020 Coastal GasLink was invited as a delegation to a Board meeting to discuss its workcamp issues and pipeline construction.

On December 10, 2020, the BC Oil and Gas Commission was invited as a delegation to a Board meeting to discuss its role in workcamp regulation and authorizations and pipeline construction.

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Following these meetings no further work on a workcamp strategy was requested, recommended, or included in the Planning Department's Workplan.

Public Engagement/Communication

The Board has included money in the budget for communications capacity to improve the RDBN's public engagement and communication with stakeholders and constituents.

The boardroom was equipped with a new audio/visual system in September 2021 to accommodate virtual attendance of meetings.

First Nations Partnerships/Relationships

The RDBN is committed to furthering the role of local government in the Reconciliation process and to aligning with the Province of BC's DRIPA legislation. The RDBN is also committed to participating at Provincially led Tables regarding reconciliation topics. At each RDBN Board/Committee of the Whole Meeting, five Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action are brought forward for discussion.

Parks and Recreation

The RDBN established a parks and trails service which includes the following 4 sub-regional Parks and Recreation Service Areas:

- Electoral Area A Service Area (Electoral Area A, Town of Smithers)
- Electoral Area B and E Service Area (Electoral Area B and E, Village of Burns Lake)
- Electoral Area C Service Area (Electoral Area C, District of Fort St. James)
- Electoral Area G Service Area (Electoral Area G, District of Houston, Village of Granisle)

2022 Update

In addition to the update provided above, Administration has been working on the following:

Revenue Sharing (Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance – RBA)

Staff have gathered information from member municipalities in preparation for a PowerPoint Presentation to be presented to the Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of Municipal Affairs at the April 2022 RBA meeting.

Local Government Elections

The 2022 General Local Elections will be held on October 15, 2022. Staff have begun contacting municipalities within the region, as well as School Districts 54 and 91 to coordinate polling stations. Nomination packages will be available in July. The nomination period is August 30, 2022 to September 9, 2022.

Senior Management have begun discussions in preparation for Board Orientation Sessions following the election.

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Policy Updates

The following policies have been updated:

- Sick and Family Leave Policy
- Jury and Witness Duty Policy
- Bereavement Leave Policy
- Retirement Policy
- RDBN Workplace Bullying, Discrimination, Harassment, and Violence Policy

First Nations Partnerships/Relationships

Organize and deliver several cultural awareness and competency training sessions for RDBN Board and Staff

- Several different cultural awareness training workshop opportunities have been identified to help build internal awareness of the distinct cultures and histories of local First Nations, on whose traditional territories the RDBN spans across, and those with a national context.
- Staff are working with CNC to confirm a date for a training session that has a regional scope. The tentative date is May 6th, and it will be delivered in a hybrid manner (in-person and via zoom) to allow all staff and Board members to participate. Once details are confirmed, staff will share an invite to the Board for the session.

Increase engagement and communication with all 14 Nations

- Staff have worked with EMBC and the RDBN Protective Services Department to conduct joint outreach to Nations on Emergency Preparedness and Management. Thus far have met with seven Nations across the region to build emergency management relationships, provide awareness of the various supports and ongoing initiatives of the Protective Services, and seek opportunities to collaborate and share information. Following these meetings with Nations, staff has supported additional follow-up with Nations and looking for meaningful ways to support the Protective Services Department in cultivating and maintaining relationships with their Emergency Management counterparts within the Nations. Several follow-up meetings have occurred, and many of the Nations have expressed a great desire to work with the Department on emergency preparedness initiatives to strengthen and protect the region.
- Staff worked with Nak'azdli Whut'en's Administration team to secure time at the April 5th Chief and Council meeting for the Planning Department to co-present with the District of Fort St James on the Area C OCP process.
- Staff continues to support RDBN Departments in their outreach to Nations on various initiatives.

Coordinate introductory meetings between First Nations and RDBN elected officials

- Staff continue to engage with Nations on coordinating introductory meetings between elected officials. Several meetings have occurred.

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- Several Nations have recently had elections or will be having elections this year. As such, staff will be reaching out to those Nations to organize meetings to introduce the RDBN to the newly elected Chief and Council.

Complete research into DRIPA Action Item 1.11 – First Nation government participation on the Regional District Board

- As part of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report Call to Action 43 – urging all governments to implement UNDRIP as a framework for reconciliation – staff has begun researching local government reconciliation action plans and inclusion of First Nation government representation on Regional District Boards and Committees. Staff will be bringing a report to the Board that examines UNDRIP and examples of local government reconciliation action plans for discussion.

Increase RDBN residents’ awareness of RDBN’s commitment to reconciliation efforts and processes in the region, as well as economic and social joint ventures/initiatives ongoing throughout the region.

- Staff will be working with First Nation governments and the province to develop a Reconciliation Summit for the Omineca portion of the region. The Summit will provide an opportunity for participants to understand the various reconciliation agreements between the province and First Nations.

Economic Development

- Over \$334,000 in grant funding requests have been submitted this year for projects totaling over \$880,000.
- Justin Greer started in January and has been a great addition to the department.
- Several meetings and plans for advocacy to address the veterinarian shortage have occurred. This conversation is picking up steam and, after communicating with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Ministry of Advanced Education, the next action item will be to request a meeting with the Premier.
(some success with announcement of 20 additional subsidized seats for year 1 in 2022/23)
- COVID-19 relief fund requests have picked up significantly after the latest round of advertising. There have been (to date) 35 applications for this funding in 2022.
- The first Meat and Greet Session was a success. Some action items coming out of it were to facilitate ongoing conversations about providing local training and to host an Open House for anyone in the region interested in meat processing. Meetings with educational institutions have started, and the open house is being planned.
- The Agriculture Newsletter is being published monthly and the first podcast series is releasing a new episode every two weeks until all six are live.

Connectivity

The Alternative Approval Process was conducted regionwide for the Regional Broadband Service Establishing Bylaw. A total of 1,218 Elector Response Forms were required to prevent adoption of the bylaw. Zero were received and the Board adopted the bylaw on March 31, 2022.

Staff are working on a response the Province's Request to Participate for Connecting Remote Communities and First Nation Reserves to High-Speed Internet.

Public Engagement/Communication

The Corporate Communications Plan and Policy are well underway and processes are being refined to ensure consistency and efficiency. Staff have created a Corporate RDBN YouTube Channel for posting RDBN Board and Committee meeting videos.



Finance

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Staffing

Fulltime permanent:

John Illes, Chief Financial Officer

Kim Fields, Accounting Clerk II (Payroll)

Crystal Miller, Accounting Clerk II (Finance)

Chelsey Fields, Accounting Clerk I Accounts Payable and Receivable

Sashka Macievich, Controller (on leave)

During this quarter, we welcomed Chelsey Fields to the RDBN team.

Budget 2022 and Requisitions

The budget was approved on March 31, 2022.

The total Regional District budget is \$24,292,211 of which \$5,198,444 (or 21.3% of the budget) is capital costs and \$6,189,749 (or 25.5% of the budget) is direct staffing costs. The remaining budget is made up of grants to societies and municipalities and other operating costs.

Taxation of \$11,612,186 funds 47.8% of the total budget. The remaining amounts of the budget are made up of fees, charges, various grants, and reserve expenditures.

Requisition requests have been made to each member municipality and the provincial government (for rural taxation).

Audit 2022

The Regional District has gone through the audit field work in mid-March without noting any audit findings. The Financial Statements are on track to be presented to the Board on May 12th.

First Quarter Financial Statements as compared to budget 2022 will also be presented at the May 12th committee meeting.

Statistic Highlight for the 1st Quarter 2022

Accounts payable paid 220 different vendors for a total of \$2,576,751 in invoices.



Protective Services Department

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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Protective Services Department

The Protective Services Department is responsible for the following services: 911, Rural Fire Protection, Emergency Preparedness Planning and supports some Administration projects. The following information provides a brief update on the status of the 2022 Protective Services Workplan and the ongoing operations of the services provided to residents.



Staffing

Fulltime permanent:

- Director of Protective Services – Deborah Jones-Middleton;
- Regional Fire Chief – Jason Blackwell;
- Emergency Program Coordinator – Christopher Walker; and,
- Protective Services Assistant – Trina Bysouth.

Fulltime temporary:

- Hazard, Risk & Vulnerability Coordinator – Liliana Dragowska;
- FireSmart Educator – Ryann VanTine;
- Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Coordinator – Caitie Rosger; and,
- Two Summer Students:

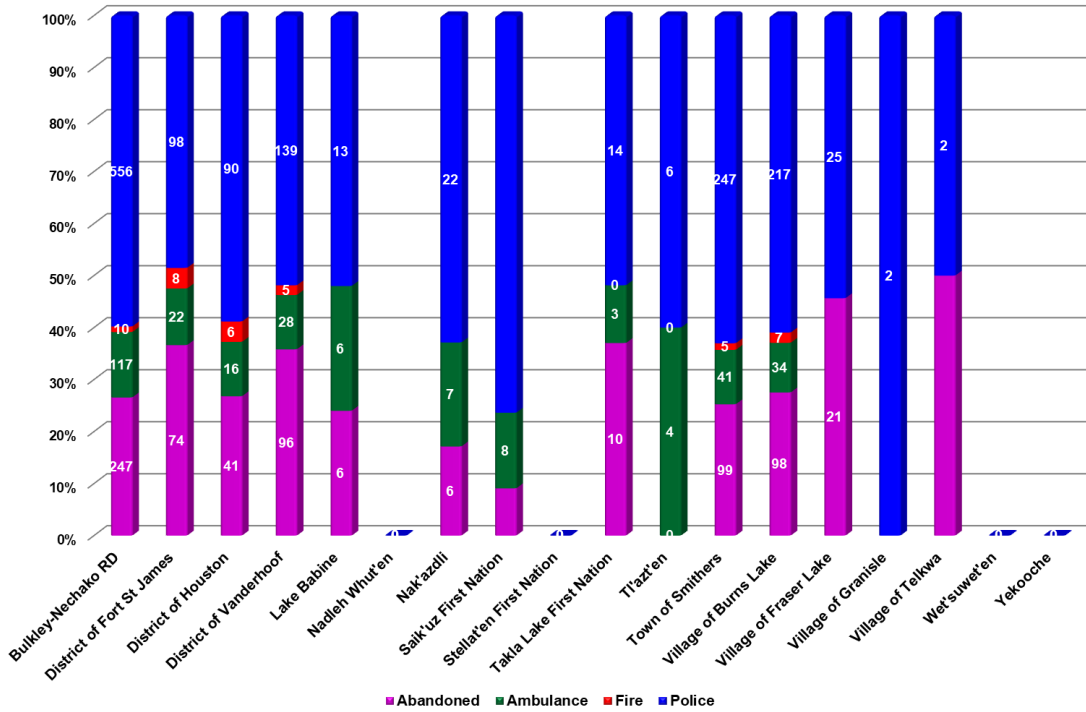
Staffing changes since last report

The Protective Services Department has had two positions turn over in the 1st Quarter of 2022, the FireSmart Educator, and the Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

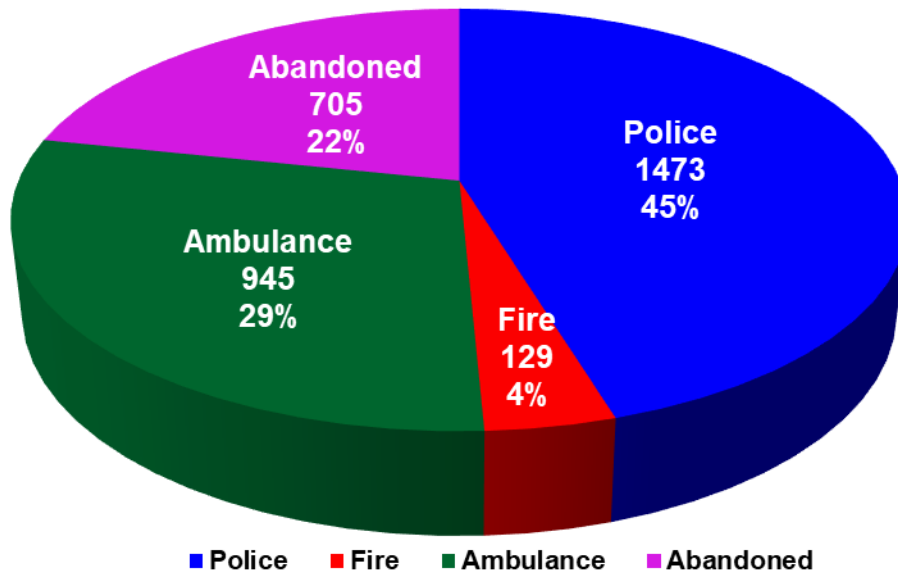
911 Service

E-COMM received **3,252** 911 calls for the months of January - March 2022 from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako area. The charts below show the 911 calls received by jurisdiction and call type.

January - March 2022
Quarterly 911 Call Summary
By Area



January - March 2022
Monthly 911 Call Summary
By Type



Transition to Next Generation 911 (NG911)

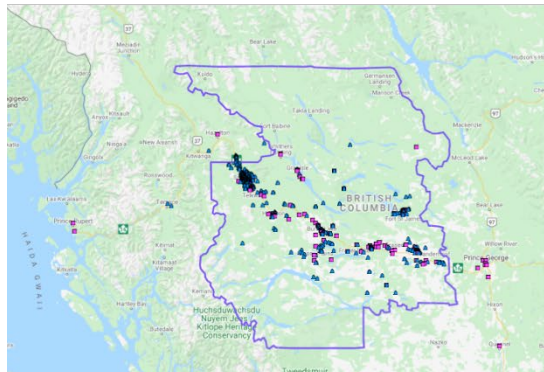
Staff continue to work with the Regional District of Fraser Fort George to coordinate the upgraded dispatch consoles that will be installed in all the Fire Halls to support the increased functionality of NG911.

Bulkley Nechako Emergency & Public Alerts (BNE&PA)

The RDBN continues to promote the use of the BNE&PA across the region which is reflected in the table below. There have been 720 new participants in the region in the first quarter, which is reflected in the two graphics below.

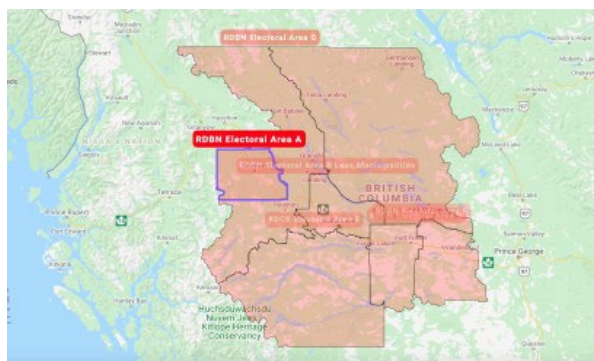
Monthly refresher training sessions are now back for all the administrators, and individual sessions can be set up at any time.

RDBN Voyent Alert Registration Overview: April 7 2022



	Total Population	As of January 24, 2022	As of April 7, 2022
Burns Lake:	1,779	377 21.2%	493 27.7%
Fort St. James:	1,598	96 6.0%	135 8.4%
Granisle:	303	152 50.2%	196 64.7%
Smithers:	5,351	3,195 59.7%	3288 61.4%
Telkwa:	1,327	143 10.8%	181 13.6%
Houston:	2,993	162 5.4%	204 6.8%
Fraser Lake:	988	125 12.7%	168 17.0%
Vanderhoof:	4,439	236 5.3%	353 8.0%
Rural:	19,118	792 4.1%	980 5.1%
TOTAL:	37,896	5,278 13.9%	5,998 15.8%

RDBN Voyent Alert Registration Overview By Electoral Area: April 7, 2022



RDBN Registered Users:

	Total Users	Municipal	Rural
Electoral Area A	3,676	3,469	207
Electoral Area B	685	493	192
Electoral Area C	311	135	176
Electoral Area D	288	168	120
Electoral Area E	132	0	132
Electoral Area F	552	353	199
Electoral Area G	454	400	54
TOTAL:	5,998	5,018	980

Rural Fire Protection

➤ **Fort Fraser Fire Department Apparatus**

The new Fire Engine for the Fort Fraser Volunteer Fire Department has been ordered and will be delivered in July of this year. The new Water Tender has been ordered and will be delivered in May 2023. These apparatuses are funded through the Northern Capital and Planning grant, Gas Tax, and Capital Reserves.

➤ **Cluculz Lake Fire Department Apparatus**

The Cluculz Lake Volunteer Fire Department will be receiving Fort Fraser's current Fire Engine once the new apparatus arrives.

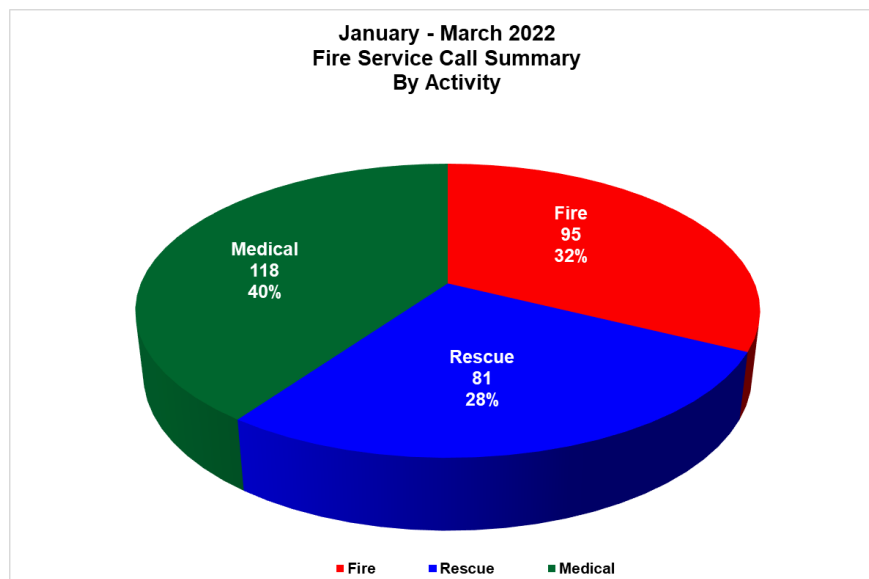
➤ **Annual Rural Fire Chief's Meeting**

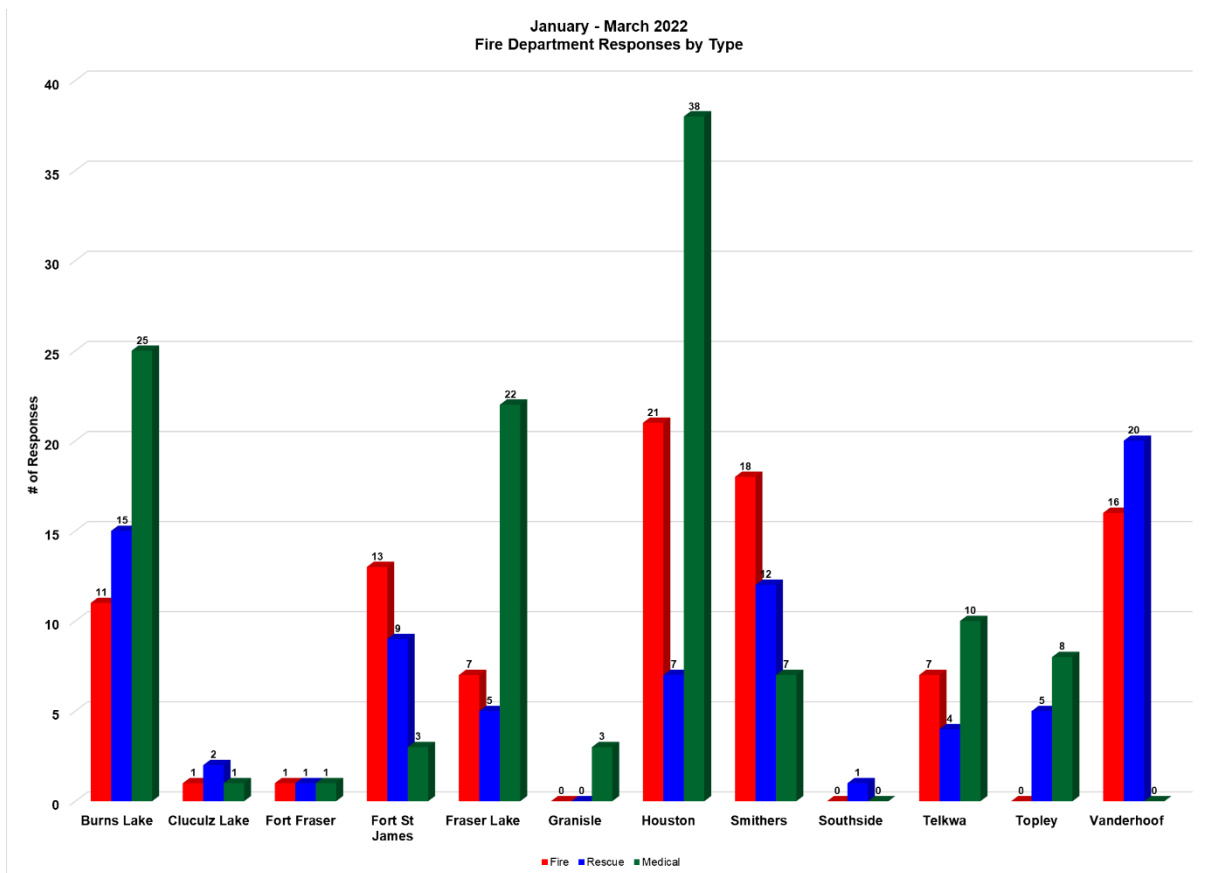
A rural fire chiefs meeting was held at the RDBN office on April 3rd. Each of the rural departments had one or more representatives present. Presentations were made by the Fire Operations Communication Center, First Responders Café, Voyent Alert and RDBN Protective Services staff with program updates, grant opportunities, training, and reporting requirements.

➤ **Fire Department Response**

Fire department responses vary in type and frequency across our region.

- Of the **3,252** 911 calls received from January - March, **294** were forwarded to the Fire Operation Communication Centre, either from E-Comm, BC Ambulance, RCMP, or Mutual Aid, for Fire Department response. The chart below and on the next page shows the 911 calls received by call type and by each Fire Department.





Emergency Preparedness Service

Emergency Management Mission Statement

Building a safer future through effective partnerships with local government, First Nations, emergency services agencies, private sector, volunteer agencies, and the residents of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako to save lives, protect property, and reduce the effects of disasters through mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities.

Emergency Planning Activities

➤ Plan Amendment or Development

- Evacuation Route Guide project completed, and final report submitted to the RDBN Board and final reporting to Union of BC Municipalities – CEPF.
- Livestock Evacuation plan reviewed and planning with fairground groups on the potential of fairground use for commercial produces to be used as livestock evacuation centres has begun.
- Regional Emergency Support Services (ESS) meeting took place that included the discussion on revision of the Regional ESS plan.

➤ Training & Exercises

- Four staff have completed Justice Institute of BC Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) training courses.
- The Northern Emergency Support Services Training conference took place virtually April 8th to 10th with 185 participants.

➤ UBCM Grants

- 2022 ESS – CEPF Application submitted.
- 2022 EOC – CEPF Application submitted.

Emergency Response

- Continuation of monitoring the Christmas 2021 Ice Jam Flooding issue on the Bulkley River – Issue Resolved.
- Freshet flooding on Hawse Loop Road – worked with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) and staff monitored the area – Issue Resolved.
- Freshet flooding on Lake Kathlyn – MoTI performed maintenance on the drainage system in the area – Issue Resolved.

Hazard Risk & Vulnerability Analysis (HRVA)

The HRVA program is well underway with seven active committees participating. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2022. The status of each electoral area HRVA is outlined in the table below:

HRVA Project Status March 2022							
HRVA Advisory Committee Steps	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
HRVA Committee Orientation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hazard Identification	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Understanding Community Resiliency	✓	!	✓	!	!	!	✓
Hazard Likelihood and Consequence Scoring	!		!				!
Priority Hazards and Risk Reduction Initiatives							
Committee and Public Review of Draft HRVA							
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Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Planning Program

The Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Planning Program has been progressing at a steady pace through public engagement, introductory meetings,

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interagency networking, and mail outs to increase personal emergency preparedness planning in the home and the neighbourhood.

Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Zone Summary

- **Zone 10** –Neighbourhood Champion appointed, initial meeting held, 17 people attended.
- **Zone 11** – Neighbourhood Champion appointed, initial meeting held, 10 people attended.
- **Zone 12** – Neighbourhood Champion appointed, initial meeting held, 10 people attended.

FireSmart

- **2021 – 2022 Stream Three Funding – Residents and Ranchers over 65**
 - Staff negotiation a deadline extension for this program from June 3rd to December 3rd, 2022.
- **2022 – 2023 Community Resiliency Investment Fund**
 - The RDBN was awarded \$ 231,500 for the 2022 – 2023 FireSmart Program.
- **Assessments Completed**
 - Due to winter weather only one assessment has been completed for 2022.
- **2021 – 2022 Community Resiliency Investment Fund**
 - The 2021 – 2022 Stream 1 Final Report was submitted to UBCM.



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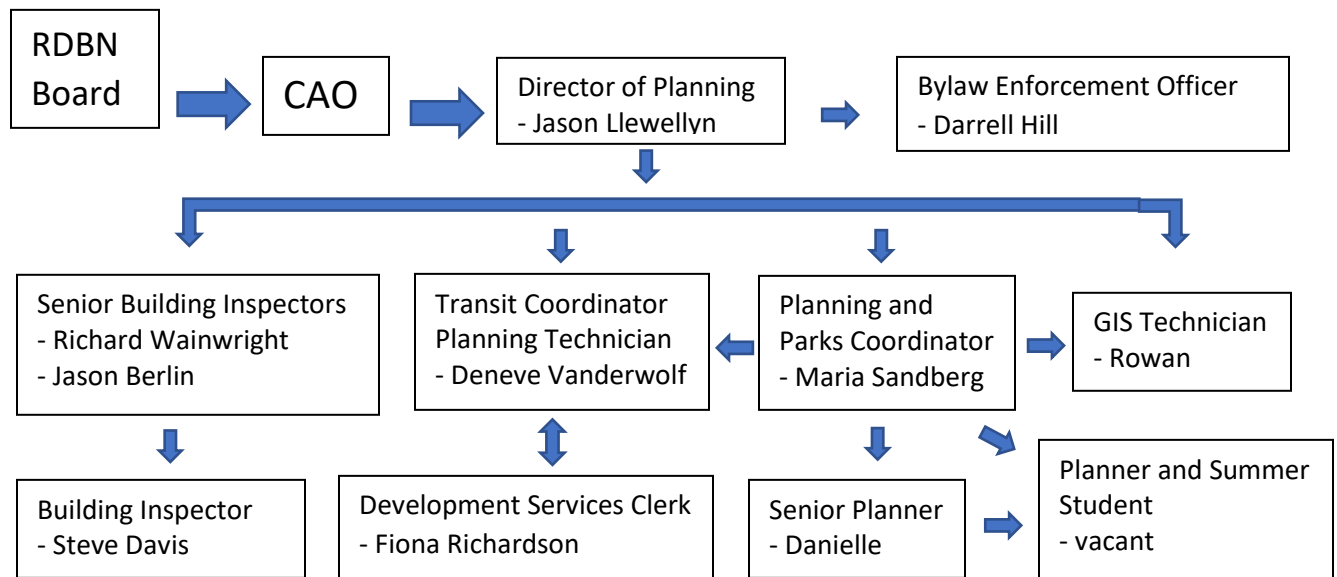
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Staffing



The Planning Department includes ten full time equivalent positions providing Land Use Planning, Building Inspection, Parks and Trails, Transit, GIS and Bylaw Enforcement Services. Building Inspection, Bylaw Enforcement and Planning Services are provided to municipalities on a contract basis.

The Planner and Summer Student positions are currently vacant and the recruitment process is ongoing.

Land Use Applications and Referrals

Agricultural Land Reserve Applications

The Planning Department has received four ALR applications in the first quarter of 2022. One application was considered by the Board and forwarded to the ALC for consideration. Three applications remain in process.

Official Community Plan Amendments and Rezoning Applications

The Planning Department has received four rezoning and two OCP amendment applications in the first quarter of 2022. These applications remain in progress. Both OCP amendments are part of zoning amendments and remain in progress. Five rezoning applications initiated in 2021 remain in process.

Temporary Use Permit

The Planning Department received one Temporary Use Permit (TUP) application in the first quarter of 2022. The TUP was issued by the Board.

Development Variance Permits

The Planning Department received two Development Variance Permit applications in the first quarter of 2022. One permit has been issued by the Board, and one remains in process.

Subdivision Referrals

The Planning Department has received five subdivision referrals in the first quarter of 2022. All five referrals have been completed and returned to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Other Referrals

A total of 15 other miscellaneous referrals have been received in the first quarter of 2022. Ten applications have been processed. Five remain in progress.

Long Range Planning

The Rural Fort St James OCP review is underway. The District of Fort St James entered into a contract with the Regional District to undertake the municipal OCP review concurrently with the rural OCP review.

The review process began with preliminary consultation with the Area C Advisory Planning Commission. Initial consultation letters were sent to First Nations, community groups, the District of Fort St James, School District 91 and various provincial ministries. Regional District and Municipal staff attended a meeting with Nak'azdli Chief and Council to discuss the rural and municipal OCP review process.

Building Inspection

The RDBN received a total of 41 building permit applications in the first quarter of 2022, with a total construction value of **\$10,207,346**. This compares to the 38 building permit applications received in the first quarter of 2021, with a total construction value of \$12,521,436. There are 15 new dwellings being built in the rural areas and six in the municipalities receiving building inspection services.

First Quarter Building Permit Data for 2022

Area	Total Permits	Total Construction Value (\$)
A	16	\$4,133,400
B	4	\$821,500
C	2	\$772,000
D	3	\$460,000
E	0	\$0
F	9	\$1,748,400
G	0	\$0
Burns Lake	1	\$134,046
Fort St. James	0	\$803,839.00
Fraser Lake	2	\$350,000
Granisle	1	\$30,000
Houston	3	\$550,000
Telkwa	0	\$0
First Quarter RDBN Totals	41	\$10,207,346
Smithers	12	\$1,390,700
Vanderhoof	3	\$2,692,765
Total	56	\$14,290,811

Parks and Trails

The “Imeson’s Beach Parking Lot and Pedestrian Railway Crossing Detailed Design Project” contract was awarded to McElhanney in March. Staff are working with the consultant and the design project is expected to be completed in early summer.

The Planning Department, with the support of other departments, created a video pitch to the April 2022 Risk Management Conference Raptor’s Room session for risk management at Imeson’s Beach. The RDBN won and brought home the \$10,000 prize in risk management grant funding.

Staff are working on the implementation of the recreation contribution service where funds are collected as taxation and distributed to societies providing recreation services. In March the Board directed staff to move forward with a proposed implementation strategy.

A significant amount of time is continued to be spent working with the Cycle 16 Trail Society, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Agricultural Land Commission on different aspects of the Cycle 16 trail project. The construction contract is anticipated to be issued in early May.

Staff have continued to meet with and support the Round Lake Community Association with their Waterfront Upgrade Project.

In consultation with the Director of Electoral Area F, staff undertook a public engagement process late 2021 in the Cluculz Lake area to determine the level of support for a formal boat launch developed and operated by the RDBN. Staff reported to the Board regarding the results of the Cluculz Lake Boat Launch Survey in February.

Bylaw Enforcement

The Bylaw Enforcement Officer has received ten new complaints and opened two new Bylaw Enforcement files in the first quarter of 2022. This brings the number of open enforcement files to 15.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Mapping and Inquiries

The GIS Technician completed 54 mapping related requests for RDBN staff. These requests included 27 for the Planning Department, 15 for Protective Services, seven for Administration, four for Environmental Services, and one for the Finance Department.

House Numbering

Forty-eight new addresses have been created in the rural area, and 26 new addresses have been issued for municipalities and First Nations, in the first quarter of 2022. In conjunction with the Stellat'en First Nation, the RDBN updated the addressing for the Stellaquo 1 reserve near Fraser Lake, integrating 19 new addresses and two new roads into the 911 system and provincial database. Additionally, five road names and 56 addresses were corrected.

Design

The GIS Technician has been used to complete several graphic design projects for the Protective Services Departments. The GIS Technician has also supported the Administration Department on graphic design work associated with the corporate communication strategy.

In the first quarter of 2022 the GIS Technician's time has been split 50/50 between the Planning Department's work, and other RDBN Departments.

Transit

The Community Transit Partnership Agreement was renewed with the City of Prince George, securing \$50,000 annually toward transit operations until 2027.

A bus shelter will be installed at the Stellat'en First Nation bus stop in the summer of 2022. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is partnering with the Stellat'en First Nation on the project. Funding is provided by the Transit Minor Betterment Fund.

First Quarter Ridership Numbers

Passengers	January	February	March
Route 161	318	306	427
Route 162	130	110	204
Total Passengers	448	416	631



Environmental Services

January 1 to March 31, 2022

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Priorities

All efforts made by Environmental Services staff are working towards improving “the 3 C’s”:

- Continuity
- Capacity
- Compliance

Services Provided

Solid Waste Management:

- Operation of two (2) sub-regional landfills located near Houston (Knockholt) and Vanderhoof (Clearview) and one (1) local Landfill in Manson Creek.
- Operation of eight (8) transfer stations located in Smithers/Telkwa, Houston, Granisle, Burns Lake, Southside, Fraser Lake, Ft. St. James and Vanderhoof,
- Operation of six (6) recycling depots located in Smithers/Telkwa, Granisle, Burns Lake, Southside, Ft. St James and Vanderhoof.
- Waste hauling operations transport waste from Transfer Stations to Landfills
- Environmental monitoring and reporting to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy as per RDBN Operational Certificates.

Liquid Waste Management:

- Operation of septage receiving facilities at Smithers/Telkwa, Houston, Burns Lake and Fort Fraser.

Fort Fraser Water and Wastewater Systems:

- Operation of a small water supply and distribution system
- Operation of small wastewater collection and treatment system

Staffing

Full-time Permanent:

- Director of Environmental Services
- Waste Diversion Supervisor
- Operation Supervisor
- Environmental Technician
- Environmental Services Office Assistant
- Field Assistant West
- Field Assistant East
- 14 x Transfer Station & Recycling Depot Attendants
- 2 x Landfill Operators
- 2 x Landfill Attendants
- 12 x casuals (holiday and sick relief)
- 2 x Waste Haul Drivers

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Part-time Permanent

- 1 x Landfill Attendant
- 5 x Transfer Station & Recycling Depot Attendants
- 1 x Waste Haul Drivers

Casual (holiday and sick coverage):

- 7 Landfill, Transfer Station and Recycling Depot Attendants

Full-time Temporary:

- 1 x Landfill Attendant

Summer Students:

- 1x labourer and 1 x office position expected to be filled in May.

Staffing changes since last report?

- 2 x Retirements in 2022, positions filled by former Casuals
- Lost several casuals
- 1 x part-time waste haul driver to be hired

Notable Department Activity

- Design and planning work for capital projects and purchases (see below)
- Improve operational procedure manuals
- Expansion of recycling programs
- Cross-training of Transfer Station and Recycling Depot Attendants
- Commenced the air curtain burning operation to reduce emissions
- Educational updates to the Waste Management Committee
- Selected Members for the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- Updating regulatory documents for RDBN Landfills
- Updating environmental monitoring program

2022 Capital Projects Update

The first quarter of 2022 has been largely used for planning of capital projects. Several projects and purchases have been reprioritized due to changes in operational strategy.

ES Capital Update - January 1 to March 31, 2022					
Site	Project/Purchase	Budget	Status	Cost	Variance
KLF	Phase 3B/C completion	\$300,000	In Progress	\$0	
KLF	Perimeter Fence (1200m)	\$125,000	Design/Planning	\$0	
KLF	Lagoon Hydro	\$170,000	Design/Planning	\$0	
BLTS	Lean-to for big trucks	\$100,000	Design/Planning	\$0	
VTS	Lean-to for big trucks	\$100,000	Design/Planning	\$0	
HAUL	New Walking Floor Trailer	\$175,000	Design/Planning	\$0	
HAUL	Roll-off Truck	\$150,000	In Progress	\$132,000	
Field Ops	Air Curtain Burner	\$100,000	Complete	\$83,000	\$17,000
Field Ops	Mini excavator (4.5MT or less)	\$100,000	Reprioritized	\$0	\$100,000
Other	Various Projects under \$100,000	\$965,000	Design/Planning	\$33,000	\$127,000
	Total	\$2,285,000		\$248,000	\$244,000



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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Date: April 28, 2022
Subject: **Canada Community-Building Fund BC – Area “A” (Smithers Rural)
Court/Climbing Wall Roof Replacement at BV Aquatic Center**

RECOMMENDATION: **(all/directors/majority)**

- 1) That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize contributing up to \$27,750.00 of Electoral Area ‘A’ (Smithers Rural) Canada Community-Building Fund BC allocation monies to a Recreation Infrastructure Project at the Bulkley Valley Aquatic Center, and further,
(participants/weighted/majority)
 - 2) That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$27,750.00 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.
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BACKGROUND

The project at the Bulkley Valley Aquatic Center will replace old Court/Climbing Wall roofing and flashing with modern, improved energy efficient construction.

The BV Aquatic Center Management Society is requesting the full project budget of \$27,750.00.

Total uncommitted Canada Community-Building BC funds remaining in the Electoral Area ‘A’ allocation is \$1,025,957.10

Director Mark Fisher is supportive of this project and of accessing Canada Community-Building BC Funds in the amount of up to \$27,750.00 from Area ‘A’ for this Recreation Infrastructure project.

A Board resolution is required to contribute Canada Community-Building BC Funds to this project.



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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Date: April 28, 2022
Subject: **Canada Community-Building Fund BC – Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural)
District of Fort St. James – Zamboni for Fort Forum Arena**

RECOMMENDATION:

(all/directors/majority)

- 1) That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize contributing up to \$185,500.00 of Electoral Area 'C' (Fort St. James Rural) Canada Community-Building Fund BC allocation monies to a Recreation Infrastructure Project for the Fort Forum Arena, and further,

(participants/weighted/majority)

- 2) That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$185,500.00 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.
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BACKGROUND

The current Zamboni was purchased nearly 10 years ago second hand. District mechanics are concerned with the amount of maintenance required to keep it in operation. The machine is not efficient and runs on propane. Transitioning to an electric machine will lessen the Municipality's carbon footprint overall. This will provide a machine that is easier to maintain and will last far longer than if the District were to replace it with a second hand propane fueled unit.

Total uncommitted Canada Community-Building Fund BC funds remaining in the Electoral Area 'C' allocation is \$434,061.43

Director Tom Greenaway is supportive of this project and of accessing Canada Community-Building BC funds in the amount of up to \$185,500.00 from Area 'C' for this Recreation Infrastructure project.

A Board resolution is required to contribute Canada Community-Building BC Funds to this project.



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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Date: April 28, 2022
Subject: **Canada Community-Building Fund BC – Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural)
District of Vanderhoof – Airport Lighting Project**

RECOMMENDATION:

(all/directors/majority)

- 1) That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize contributing up to \$100,000.00 of Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) Canada Community-Building Fund BC allocation monies to a Regional Airport Project at the Vanderhoof Airport, and further,

(participants/weighted/majority)

- 2) That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$100,000.00 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.

BACKGROUND

The Airport Lighting projects involves installing 5 New Ferro Resonant Constant Current Regulators (CCR), improving efficiency by reducing power consumption, less harmonic distortion to mitigate harms to other electrical components, advanced CCR architecture to minimize electromagnetic interference, near-unity power factor, and less issues with new, modern LED edge lighting loads.

The second part of the project includes installing a washroom to provide a much-needed facility for events, emergency landings, MEDEVAC usage and general airport use.

Total uncommitted Canada Community-Building Fund BC funds remaining in the Electoral Area “F” allocation is \$275,673.96

Director Jerry Petersen is supportive of this project and of accessing Canada Community-Building BC funds in the amount of up to \$100,000.00 from Area “F” for this Regional Airport Infrastructure project.

A Board resolution is required to contribute Canada Community-Building BC Funds to this project.



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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Date: April 28, 2022
Subject: **Grant in Aid – Connexus Community Resources**

RECOMMENDATION: **(all/directors/majority)**

That the Board approve allocating \$5,000.00 in Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) Grant in Aid monies to Connexus Community Resources to support a deck building project at Riverside Place.

BACKGROUND

Please see the attached application for more information.

Director Jerry Petersen is supportive of the application.

Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) has an available Grant in Aid balance of \$45,360.97 (as of March 31, 2022)

ATTACHMENTS:

Online Grant in Aid Form – Connexus Community Resources

From: website@rdbn.bc.ca
To: [Nellie Davis](#); andy@abcweblink.ca
Subject: [EXTERNAL]: Website Form Submission – ONLINE GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION FORM
Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 1:49:56 PM

There has been a submission of the form ONLINE GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION FORM through your concrete5 website.

ORGANIZATION:
Connexus Community Resources

CONTACT NAME:
Sandra Ferguson

MAILING ADDRESS (Please include PO Box/Civic Address, Town and Postal Code):
242 Louvain St, PO Box 1249

EMAIL:
sferguson@connexus.ca

PHONE:
2505708594

AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED:
\$5000.00

PLEASE PROVIDE THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF YOUR ORGANIZATIONS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM). IF UNKNOWN PLEASE CONTACT THE ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR WITH THE INFORMATION ONCE DATE AND TIME ARE CONFIRMED.:

May 2022 - July 2022

PROJECT OR PURPOSE FOR WHICH YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE:

we are looking a have a deck built on the front of our building for the seniors living in the building can go outside and enjoy the beautiful river, birds, kids playing as well as having some family time that they have missed out on over these last 2 years

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, ALL OF THE INFORMATION THAT IS PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT. FURTHERMORE, I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE IS NOT BEING MADE ON BEHALF OF AN INDIVIDUAL, INDUSTRY, COMMERCIAL OR BUSINESS:

Yes

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SERVICES/BENEFITS THAT YOUR ORGANIZATION PROVIDES TO THE COMMUNITY. ARE THESE SERVICES/BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY FROM ANOTHER ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY:

this will benefit all the seniors and their families that live at Riverside place for many years to come

DESCRIBE THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT RECEIVES SERVICES OR BENEFITS FROM YOUR ORGANIZATION.:

Vanderhoof BC

IS YOUR ORGANIZATION VOLUNTARY AND NON-PROFIT?:

Yes

PLEASE DETAIL ANY REMUNERATION PAID, OR FUNDS OTHERWISE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS, OFFICERS, ETC. OF YOUR ORGANIZATION:

none

PLEASE COMMENT ON THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS/VOLUNTEERS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION AND HOW LONG YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN IN OPERATION:

we have be since 1977

ASSISTANCE IS BEING REQUESTED FOR:

another purpose

OTHER PURPOSE IF ANY:

Build a deck for the seniors to use

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PROPOSAL FOR WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE. IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM FEES AND/OR CHARGES OR OTHER CONSIDERATION, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OR YOUR REQUEST HERE. ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF REQUIRED.:

DESCRIBE HOW THIS PROPOSAL WILL BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY:

This will be huge for our community as the seniors have lost out on a lot over the last 2 years and we feel that this will give them some of the sun and family time that they have missed out on

SUPPORTING FINANCIAL INFORMATION SUCH AS A BUDGET OR FINANCIAL REPORT. ENSURE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS CLEARLY ITEMIZED: - TOTAL COST OF PROJECT/PROPOSAL; - GRANTS/FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES; - FUNDING CONTRIBUTED BY APPLICANT THROUGH FUNDING RAISING:

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR A GRANT/FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES?:

Yes

NAME OF 1ST GRANT OR FUNDING AGENCY:

Vanderhoof Community Foundation

AMOUNT APPLIED FOR FROM 1ST AGENCY:

STATUS OF 1ST GRANT APPLICATION:

Pending

NAME OF 2ND GRANT OR FUNDING AGENCY:

AMOUNT APPLIED FOR FROM 2ND AGENCY:

STATUS OF 2ND GRANT APPLICATION:

NAME OF 3RD GRANT OR FUNDING AGENCY:

AMOUNT APPLIED FOR FROM 3RD AGENCY:

STATUS OF 3RD GRANT APPLICATION:

NAME OF 4TH GRANT FUNDING AGENCY:

AMOUNT APPLIED FOR FROM 4TH AGENCY:

HAVE YOU RECEIVED ASSISTANCE (GRANT IN AID/WAIVING OF FEES , ETC.), FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO IN PREVIOUS YEARS?:

No

IF YES, YEARS, AMOUNTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH ASSISTANCE WAS USED:

DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION:

To view all of this form's submissions, visit <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/index.php/dashboard/reports/forms/view/2315>



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors

FROM: Taddea Kunkel, First Nations Liaison

DATE: April 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

To receive/discuss.

BACKGROUND

As part of the RDBN's efforts for creating space to discuss the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions' 94 Calls to Action and how to support local First Nations in their advocacy for reconciliation efforts in the region, staff has prepared this memo to discuss the Calls to Action that focus on the creation of a National Council for Reconciliation, professional development and training for public servants, and apologies from churches and faith groups.

Building upon the last report on the Calls to Action, 53 to 55, Call 56 requests that the Prime Minister would respond to the National Council for Reconciliation's report by releasing an annual "State of Aboriginal Peoples" report. However, as this Call is contingent on the National Council for Reconciliation, no progress has been made¹.

Both the provincial and federal governments are working on implementing Call 57 among their public servants. The Canada School of Public Service is developing a curriculum for federal public servants² around reconciliation and the findings of the TRC report. The Province of BC has developed a series of training modules on Indigenous relations behavioural competencies available for provincial public servants³. As the Call urges **all orders of governments** to provide cultural awareness and competency training, staff are working with the College of New Caledonia (CNC) to arrange for the first cultural awareness training session. The session will be available for all staff and Board members to participate in and will be delivered in-person and on zoom. Further details on the session will be provided to staff and Board members.

¹ CBC News. Beyond 94 – Call 56. <https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/longform-single/beyond-94?&cta=56>

² CBC News. Beyond 94 – Call 57. <https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/longform-single/beyond-94?&cta=57>

³ Government of BC. "Indigenous relations behavioural competencies."
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/careers-myhr/job-seekers/about-competencies/indigenous-relations>

Call 58 urges the Pope to issue an apology to survivors, their families, and communities for the traumas experienced at Catholic-run residential schools in Canada. On April 1, 2022, Pope Francis apologized for the conduct of some members of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada's residential school system following a week of talks with the Indigenous delegation in the Vatican. The Pope has promised to travel to Canada to make another apology. As such, the Call is still in-progress⁴.

Call 59 has been marked as completed, as all of the churches involved in residential schools are members of KAIROS Canada⁵ – an organization that works for ecological justice and human rights. KAIROS Canada's Blanket Exercise provides a hands-on teaching of Canada's colonial history, specifically focusing on the creation of reserve lands and the traumas experienced at residential schools⁶. Call 60 is still in progress, as each of the church parties to the Settlement Agreement has implemented this Call to Action to a varying degree⁷.

CALLS TO ACTION FOR DISCUSSION

Reconciliation and National Council for Reconciliation

56. We call upon the prime minister of Canada to formally respond to the report of the National Council for Reconciliation by issuing an annual "State of Aboriginal Peoples" report, which would outline the government's plans for advancing the cause of reconciliation.

Professional Development and Training for Public Servants

57. We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal–Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.

Church Apologies and Reconciliation

58. We call upon the Pope to issue an apology to Survivors, their families, and communities for the Roman Catholic Church's role in the spiritual, cultural, emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children in Catholic-run residential schools. We call for that apology to be similar to the 2010 apology issued to Irish victims of abuse and to occur within one year of the issuing of this Report and to be delivered by the Pope in Canada.

⁴ CBC News. Beyond 94 – Call 58. <https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/longform-single/beyond-94?&cta=58>

⁵ KAIROS Canada. Blanket Exercise. <https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/programs/>

⁶ CBC News. Beyond 94 – Call 59. <https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/longform-single/beyond-94?&cta=59>

⁷ CBC News. Beyond 94 – Call 60. <https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/longform-single/beyond-94?&cta=60>

59. We call upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement to develop ongoing education strategies to ensure that their respective congregations learn about their church's role in colonization, the history and legacy of residential schools, and why apologies to former residential school students, their families, and communities were necessary.

60. We call upon leaders of the church parties to the Settlement Agreement and all other faiths, in collaboration with Indigenous spiritual leaders, Survivors, schools of theology, seminaries, and other religious training centres, to develop and teach curriculum for all student clergy, and all clergy and staff who work in Aboriginal communities, on the need to respect Indigenous spirituality in its own right, the history and legacy of residential schools and the roles of the church parties in that system, the history and legacy of religious conflict in Aboriginal families and communities, and the responsibility that churches have to mitigate such conflicts and prevent spiritual violence.



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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board

From: Michelle Roberge, Regional Agriculture Coordinator, East
Megan D'Arcy, Regional Agriculture Coordinator, West

Date: April 28, 2022

Subject: **Growing Opportunities Newsletter and Podcast Update**

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

Receive.

BACKGROUND

Newsletter: Attached is Issue #10 (April 2022) of the Growing Opportunities Newsletter for your receipt.

Podcast: Podcasts that have been released since the last Board meeting include:

- A to Buzz about Bees (April 4)
- Forage Basics (April 18)

Both the newsletter and podcast can be accessed from the RDBN Growing Opportunities webpage: <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/departments/agriculture/growing-opportunities-rdbn-ag-newsletter>

The podcasts can also be downloaded from wherever you get your podcasts.

The Agriculture Coordinators encourage all Directors to subscribe to receive the newsletter automatically each month by subscribing at the same page link above.

ATTACHMENTS:

Growing Opportunities Newsletter Issue 10

GROWING OPPORTUNITIES

Bulkley-Nechako Agriculture Update



April 2022, Issue 10

AG TEAM UPDATE

From vets to vegetables, the RDBN Ag Team has been busy working on important agriculture topics this past month, and the next few months leading to summer look really busy too. Read through this issue to get updated on our podcast series, the recent vet news, an exciting project on pest management and monitoring that is seeking input from producers, and more. And a reminder, our Ag Team will be reaching out to all the producers in the [Connecting Consumers and Producers online directory](#) to confirm and update your information. If you would like to be listed on the directory, [click here!](#)



Pest Monitoring Pilot and Landscape Dynamics Assessment

The BC Forage Council is starting a new pilot project looking at pest monitoring in the Bulkley-Nechako and Fraser-Fort George Region Districts. The goal of this pilot is to gather baseline data that will support livestock, forage and crop producers of all sizes with better information about changing pest dynamics throughout the region. Funding for the first year of this project is through the Climate Adaptation Program at Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC. For more info email: pests@bcforagecouncil.com



There are two immediate opportunities for producers to get involved with this project:

#1: Provide Input on Project Activities - Fill out this survey to provide input... [Go to BC Forage Council Pilot Project Survey](#)

#2: Be a Potential Research Site! - Sign-up here if you would be interested in participating in the pest monitoring pilot... [Go to Pilot Project Sign-up](#)

Emergency Management & Preparedness

It is time to start thinking about fire preparedness for 2022. The BC Cattlemen's Association has arranged for a series of **Emergency Management workshops** in April and May for farmers and ranchers across the province. Local dates are Prince George April 27, and Smithers April 29. [Find details about the workshops here.](#)

RDBN GO Podcast!

We hope you have been enjoying the GO Podcasts. So far we have talked about setting-up the farm using off-grid options and beekeeping. Just released this week Megan talks with folks about forage. We have another 3 podcasts coming up in our pilot series. We hope you get a chance to have a listen. They run around 40 minutes or less, so the perfect amount of time to listen while you are out doing chores.

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There are many ways to find the podcast:

- ◆ [Direct from the RDBN website](#)
- ◆ [Direct from our Buzzsprout page:](#)
- ◆ [Direct from CICK Radio](#)
- ◆ [Wherever you get your podcasts \(Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, etc.\)](#)



The next topics to be release will be:



Hay field overlooking Francois Lake.

APRIL 18, 2022

Forage in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

We explore types of forage and how to make the most of your pasture and hay fields. Learn the difference between legumes and grasses, hay and silage as Megan talks with three people from across the beautiful Bulkley-Nechako about what makes their forage fields successful, and some of the challenges they face.



Rows of veggies at Borno Farms in Area F.

MAY 2, 2022

Eat Your Veggies! Growing in the North

From home gardening to feeding your community, we all have a growing appreciation for access to local food. Hear from experienced vegetable growers at opposite ends of the RDBN about the importance of soil, organic growing, and regenerative agricultural practices in the garden for the beginner and market gardener.



Sheep farming in the RDBN16

MAY 16, 2022

Small-scale Livestock Keeping

Most producers in the RDBN keep animals, from large cow-calf operations, to milk goats, pigs and a myriad of poultry and water fowl. This episode asks local livestock producers to share their tips and tricks to keep healthy animals and the options for making livestock part of your farm business operations.

Avian Influenza

As published by the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food, there are two confirmed Avian Influenza cases in BC. Please follow these links to learn more about Avian Influenza, and how to reduce the risk to your flock.

About Avian Influenza: [Avian influenza \(bird flu\) - Canadian Food Inspection Agency.](#)

[Small Flock Poultry Health: Provincial Government Information Guide](#)

[How to Prevent and Detect Avian Influenza in your Small Flock](#)

BC Vet Seats at WCVM

Rural Agriculture Chair Mark Parker was pleased to see the [announcement](#) from the BC Ministry of Advanced Education earlier this month that stated the province will sponsor an additional 20 seats (now 40 total seats) for BC veterinary students to attend the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatchewan. The Ag Team continues to work on this file as this is the first step in increasing the number of vets in the north to support livestock producers.

Webinar: IVMA - First Aid for Pesticide Exposure

With the growing season soon approaching, take advantage of this free webinar about acute health risks associated with pesticides. From 9:00-10:00am Thursday, April 21 - [Register here](#)

RDBN Agriculture Website Spotlight... Invasive Plant Management



As spring settles in and things start to grow invasive species will start popping out of the ground again. There are a lot of websites, resources, and literature on invasive plants, and the management of them, including which ones are higher priority etc. The **RDBN Invasive Plant Management webpage** can get you started in learning about how to spot, how to manage and how to stop invasives from taking hold in your fields and gardens.

The RDBN also supports the work of the Northwest Invasive Plant Council in the region. This organization is contracted by the provincial government to carry out monitoring and spraying of invasives across northern BC. To learn more about their work and to find out which species of plants are highest priority in the region, go to their website <http://nwipc.org>.

To report invasive species (plants or animals), download the Report Invasive Species App.

Click here to get the 'Report Invasive Species' App for your device.



Dryland Forage Workshop

Selecting Suitable Forage Crops for the Bulkley-Nechako & Fraser-Fort George Area

Prince George - Pineview Community Hall, 6470 Bendixon Rd
APRIL 28 | 1-4PM

Vanderhoof - Forestry Office, 1560 Hwy 16
APRIL 29 | 1-4PM

Smithers - Round Lake Community Hall
APRIL 30 | 1-4PM

Topics Include:
Forage Selection Resources
Results from the BN-FFG Forage Producer Survey
How to use the Forage U-Pick Tool
On-Farm Forage Trials - How To Get'R Done

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Clean up the farm with Cleanfarms!

Don't forget to recycle your agricultural plastics using the CleanFarms Agricultural Plastics program, available at most RDBN Transfer Stations. This program is free! A friendly reminder that agri-pastics need to be as clean as possible to be properly recycled.



Be sure to head to your local Transfer Station and pick up recycle bags for your twine, hay wrap, silage bags, and bunker covers.

Please let us know what you'd like to see in the next Growing Opportunities eNewsletter!

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